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M.L. BRITANNIA	6525	F. H. Seymour	18th ,,
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M.L. PERSIA	7951	W. A. Wheler	2nd May
* PENINSULAR	5294	A. G. Cubitt	9th ,,
M.L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	16th ,,
* INDIA	7911	F. W. Vibert	23rd ,,
M.L. PENINSULAR	5294	A. G. Cubitt	30th ,,

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IMPERATOR	P. Ivellich	4,119	1st April 1903.
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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
MAR. BACQUEHEM	T. Rossevich	4,409	18th April 1903
b FRANZ FERDINAND	A. Martinolich	6,043	17th May 1903
b SILESIA	—	5,159	18th June 1903

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MELPOMENE	—	2,971	30th Mar., 1903

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Bombay, 26th March, 1903.

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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on
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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on
ISCHIA	6,000	A. Muzio	17th April 1903.
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FOR ZANZIBAR, MOMBASA AND ADEN.

S. S. "NERBUDDA," 3,025 tons, on or about THURSDAY, 2nd April.

FOR COAST PORTS AND CALCUTTA.

A STEAMER, on or about TUESDAY, 31st March.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.,
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Bombay, 15th May, 1902.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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TO MARSEILLES.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on THURSDAY
ERNEST SIMONS	5,707	Dupuy Fromy	9th Apr. 1903.
TONKIN	6,363	Schmitz	7th May 1903.
CALEDONIEN	4,232	X	4th June 1903.

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Vessel.	Tons.	Capt.	To sail
S. S. SAFARI	1,432	Koppistatter	30th March 1903.
S. S. REICHSTAG	2,085	Oswald	15th April ,,

Taking Passengers and Cargo for ZANZIBAR, MOMBASA, and all Eastern and Southern Ports of AFRICA up to CAPE TOWN.

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AMERICAN do. do.	do. do.	do.	0	12
CAMEMBERT, in Glass Jars		each	1	4
CHEDDAR Pale Loaf (about 12 lbs. each, cut		Per lb.	0	14
CHESHIRE Real English	do. do. do.	do.	1	0
EDAMS Dutch, whole Cheese	do. do. do.	do.	0	12
DOUBLE GLOSTER	do. do. do.	do.	0	14
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FINEST LUCCA OIL; Pure Italian Wine Vinegar.
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ANCHOVIES SALTED (loose); and in oil in Bottles.
FRANKFORT SAUSAGES, Plain, and with Sauerkroute
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CAVIARE.
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Plain in finest Lucca oil.
BLACK OLIVES (loose) in oil.
GREEN OLIVES (French) in Bottles.
FRENCH and ITALIAN PREPARED MUSTARD assorted in Bottles.

MASTIC de CHIO 2-8 Bot. Vermouth (Italian and French) Chianti, Barbera, Capri, Lacrima Christi and Marsala. Cherry and Blackberry Brandy. Asti Spumanti and Duc de Marsat (champagne.)

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Bombay, March 26, 1903.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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T. KUSUMOTO,
Manager, Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Navsari Buildings, Fort, Bombay, 23rd March, 1903.

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OPEN from 8 A. M. to 9 P. M.
ADMISSION 4 Annas.

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NOTICE.

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C. L. BURNS,
Principal.
Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay, 26th March, 1903.

THE LAKHSHMI COTTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a FINAL DIVIDEND at the Rate of Rupees Twenty-five (25) per Share, for the year ended the 31st December, 1902, will be paid on and after MONDAY, the 30th March, 1903, at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 4, Elphinstone Circle, between the hours of 10 A.M., to 2 P.M., to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register of Shareholders on the 25th March, 1903, on production of Share Certificates.

FOR THE BOMBAY COMPANY, LTD.,
M. REID,
Managing Director.
Secretaries, Treasurers and Agents,
LAKHSHMI COTTON MANUFACTURING Co., LD.
Bombay, 25th March, 1903.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT, BOMBAY.

No. 325 OF 1902.

RE TYEB HAJI ESACK, JUSAB TYEB, SULEMAN TYEB, ABDULA TYEB and AHMED SHAH MAHOMED, trading at Bombay and Champa and Sakti in the Central Provinces, under the name and style of TYEB HAJI ISAK, adjudged Insolvents.

NOTICE is hereby given that MADHAWJI JESANG, and all other Creditors, the Petitioning Creditor and all Creditors of the abovenamed Insolvent do appear before this Honourable Court on the sixth day of May next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, either in person or by Counsel, and show cause, if any, they have, why the order made herein on the fourteenth day of October last, adjudicating the abovenamed Tyeb Haji Esak, Jusab Tyeb, Sooleman Tyeb, Abdula Tyeb and Ahmed Shah Mahomd as Insolvents should not be revoked or set aside, and why all other proceedings, if any, taken or had thereon should not be annulled and discharged—Dated this 25th day of March, 1903.

C. W. L. JACKSON,
Clerk of the Crown.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT, BOMBAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 1st April, 1903, is appointed for a further hearing in the matters of the undermentioned Insolvents. Petitions for the purpose of declaring a Second and Final Dividend.

RE DOSA GOPAL.
" NURBHOY KADIKHAN.
" QUAN LUN YAN.
" TULSIDAS LUKHMIDAS KATH.
" JOHN WILLIAM MAC COOL.
" MUKHTAR FAZULLA.
" JAMSHED HORMASJI KHAMBATA.

Creditors of the abovenamed Insolvents who have not proved their claims are informed that the Court has appointed the 1st April for a further hearing for the purpose of declaring a final dividend in the above estate and that unless they prove their claims in the office of the Official Assignee before 11 A. M. on the 28th March, 1903, the assets in his hands will be distributed without reference to their claims, amongst those creditors who have proved their claims.—Dated 18th March, 1903.

C. W. L. JACKSON,
Clerk of the Court.

THE SASSOON SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 3, Forbes Street, Fort, on WEDNESDAY, the 8th April, 1903, at 3-30 P. M., to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report, Audited Balance-Sheet, and Profit and Loss Account for the year ending 31st December 1902.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect two Directors in place of those who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year, and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 8th April, 1903, to Wednesday, the 22nd April, 1903, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ARDESHIR EDULJEE DALAL,
Secretary.
No 3, Forbes Street, Fort, Bombay, 20th March, 1903.

ALLIANCE BANK OF SIMLA, LD.

CAPITAL (paid up)	Rs. 10,00,000
RESERVE FUND (in Government Paper)	Rs. 14,00,000

HEAD OFFICE: SIMLA.

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H. P. STRINGFELLOW,
Agent.
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PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS.

BOMBAY PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

Programme of a CONCERT to be held in the
TOWN HALL,
ON TUESDAY, 31ST MARCH, 1903, AT 9-30 P.M.

PART I.

1. Overture ......" Rosamunde " ......Schubert
Orchestra of the Oxfordshire Light Infantry Regiment.
2. Air ......"O du, mein holder abendstern "..Wagner
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Bombay, 25th March, 1903.

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Sums as small as Rs. 10 are received into the Bank's PRUDENTIAL FUND, bearing half-yearly compound interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS are opened for sums of Rs. 100 and upwards and receive 2 per cent. per annum, upon the daily balances, provided a minimum daily balance of Rs. 50 is maintained.

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W. MOIR,
Manager.
Bombay, 14th November, 1902.

BANK OF CALCUTTA, LIMITED.

CAPITAL.

Subscribed	Rs. 15,00,000
Reserve Fund	" 15,00,000
Uncalled Capital	" 5,00,000

DIRECTORS.

MR. D. YULE, Messrs. Andrew Yule & Co.
" R. J. D. THOMAS, Messrs. J. Thomas & Co.
" N. A. McLEOD, Messrs. McLeod & Co.
" D. KING.

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	Per cent. Per Annum
For 3 Months	4
" 6 Months	4½
" 12 Months	5
" 2 Years	5½

The Bank offers special facilities and advice to Constituents as to the purchase and sale of all Indian Securities, particularly the Shares and Debenture Stocks of Jute, Cotton, Tea, and Miscellaneous Industrial Concerns.

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D. KING.
Agent.
Calcutta, 3rd February, 1903.

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UNIQUE SMOKING MIXTURES.

JUST RECEIVED the following in limited quantity :—

				Rs. a.
CRAVEN MIXTURE,	mild,	...per ½lb tin		1 12
GUARDS	do.	full	... „	2 0
HANKEYS	do.	medium	... „	2 4
ARDATTI	do.	in three strengths	„	1 6

QUO VADIS CIGARETTES.

No. 40, medium size,	... ...	per tin of 50	2 8
No. 50, large „	... ...	„ „	2 12
No. 100 „ „	Gold tipped	„ „	3 8

Up-country orders by V. P. Post or Rail.

D. MERWAN & Co.,
CIGAR MERCHANTS & TOBACCONISTS,
42, MEDOWS STREET, BOMBAY.

SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 27th instant at 1 p. m., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Bijou, Middle Colaba, near the Post Office, and next to Coach Factory, the valuable blackwood and teakwood household dining-room, drawing-room and bed room furniture, also open carved furniture, majolica, China and other table ornaments, black marble clock, Persian and Brussels carpets, garden pots with plants, rich glassware and porcelainware, platedware sympathetic square piano by Rose & Co., English ice-box, windproof lamps, door curtains and chicks, table ornaments, fancy cane furniture, &c., the property of L. B. EYRES, Esq.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

SALE OF 237 BUNDLES DAMAGED BASIC STEEL SHEETS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 27th instant at 2 p m Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at No 8 Shed, Victoria Dock, on account of the concerned ex s. s. Weissenfels—

E G 133 | 237 bundles basic steel sheets damaged by sea
A B 161 | water.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at the Sitaram Building, next to the Crawford Markets, under a decree of the High Court of Bombay, the remaining stock-in-trade of K. L. Commissariatwala, consisting of pieces of cashmere flannel, tennis flannel, alpaca, merino, twill, long cloth, silk table covers, cuffs, collars, ties, woollen socks, Wheeler and Wilson's sewing machine on stand, incandescent gas lamps, gas pipe, trunks, tables, chairs, &c.

Also to close account of the British General Agency, a large number of oil-paintings, oleographs, etchings, chromoes, bicycle accessories, tap filters, &c.

The above is now on view.

On SUNDAY, the 29th inst., at 2 p. m. Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Flagstaff Hill, Parel Tank Road, Parel, Mr. Narayen Dabalkar's bungalow, the very valuable and handsome substantial made blackwood and teakwood, dining-room, drawing-room and bed-room furniture, also few pieces by Wimbridge, rich crockery and glassware, platedware. "Aldress" No. 6 large size cooking stove with water boiler, carpenter's English tool box, Brussels carpets, rich table ornaments, fancy door curtains, windproof lamps, lady's Rambler and gent's Rothwell bicycles, China and coir matting, large number of garden plants in pots, &c. the property of A. W. WILSON Esq., proceeded to England.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

N. B.—Carriages will be waiting at Parel tram terminus to take the intending purchasers to the Auction Bungalow free from 1 p. m. on the day of sale.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

On MONDAY, the 30th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods, and the following :—

The property of Messrs. N. W. Kemp and O. G. Owen, consisting of handsome teak and blackwood household furniture such as marble table, sofas, easy and light chairs, camp, dressing and wash-hand tables, almira, cupboard, book and hat stands, marble top, dressing and washhand tables, bedstead.

A quantity of silver and copper Indian, Indian Native States, foreign and Mogul coins.

3 new Austrian safes on stands of different sizes.

The property of a deceased officer, consisting of wearing apparel, &c.

The property of Major Pollard—Military and gent's saddles, tent, mandoline, gent's bicycle, fur rug, long coat, etc.

1 brass bound diamond camera.

13 bundles tent and poles.

By order of the concerned and on account and at the risk of Messrs. Abdool Tyab & Co.—

12 large acetylene lamps for motor cars.

AT 2 P.M.

Several bicycles of different makers.

1 grey Arab horse, 14-2, going in harness, 8 years old.

1 light victoria, in good order.

1 second-hand vis-a-vis.

1 double-seated brougham.

1 strong-built office shigram.

5 rolls, each 44ft. Dunlop carriage tyres.

The property of W. MERRETT, Esq., proceeding home—One handsome rubber-tyred landau.

And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

On SUNDAY, the 5th proximo, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD, & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at No. 9 Foreman's Quarters, G. I. P. Ry., Parel, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, best platedware, crockery and glassware, mahogany square pianoforte by Richard Lipp, in good order, nearly new, Singer sewing machine on stand, combination filter, aviary, cooking stove, English speaking parrot, pictures, table ornaments, large collection of choice roses and other plants, &c., the property of B. JOHNSON, Esq., Foreman, G. I. P. R.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view three days before the sale.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AT GRANT ROAD.

High Court,
O. O. C. J.
Suit No. 252 of 1899.

Dhunavahoo, widow of Damoder Callianjee.....Plaintiff

vs.

Lukhmidas Damoder and others...............Defendants.

By order of Mr. Chutturbhuj Hemraj, Special Commissioner appointed in the above suit under the decree in terms of two awards herein dated the 29th August, 1902, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 18th day of April, 1903, at 4 p.m., on the premises the following property :—

All that piece or parcel of fazendari land or ground, of which Shapurjee Jeewajee Botliwalla is the fazendar, together with the messuage, tenement, or bungalow, stables and outhouses standing thereon, situate and being on the west side of Sleater Road, near Grant Road, without the Fort of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 3,893 square yards or thereabouts, and registered in the books of the fazendar under No. 10, and bounded as follows : that is to say, on or towards the east by Sleater Road, on or towards the west by a vacant piece of land partly belonging to Lakhpura Kespora and partly to Vundravundas Jamnadas, on to towards the north by the property of Vundravundas Jamnadas, and on or towards the south by the property of Dinshaw Maneckjee Petit, and which said bungalow, stable, outhouses and premises are assessed by the Collector of Assessment formerly under No. 105, now under D Ward No. 3712 (1) and Street No. 16.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Tyabji, Dayabhai and Co., attorneys for the Special Commissioner, at their office No. 15, Esplanade Road, Fort or to the Undersigned.

ON COMMISSION SALE.

A first-rate trichord grand pianoforte, the property of late A. G. MACKENZIE, Esq., open to offer.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay 27th March, 1903.

MENESSE AND COMPANY,
No. 33, HUMMUM STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF THE LEASEHOLD LANDS, together with the buildings standing thereon, belonging to the Mahaluxmi Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld., situated at Wari Bunder, opposite the Prince's Dock, near the Elphinstone Bridge.

Under instructions from the Trustees for debenture-holders of the Mahaluxmi Spinning and Weaving Co., Ld., Messrs. MENESSE & Co., will sell by Public Auction, on the premises at Wari Bunder, opposite the Princes's Dock, near the Elphinstone Bridge on TUESDAY, the 7th April, 1903, at 3-30 p. m.

All the leasehold land together with the building standing thereon.

For full particulars and conditions of sale, apply at the office of the Trustees of the debenture-holders, Tamarind Lane, Fort.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 27th March, 1903.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES & MEDOWS STREETS, FORT.

RARE OPPORTUNITY TO LAWYERS, BOOK SELLERS AND LIBRARIES.

Messrs. MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co. will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 7th April, 1903, at 2 p.m. at their Sale Rooms, No. 4, Forbes and Medows Streets, the very valuable library including Law Reports, legal textbooks and works of general literature belonging to Mr. Framjee Rustomjee Vicajee, barrister-at-law an insolvent.

Catalogues will be published, and may be had on application to the Undersigned.

MEHRJEE JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 27th March, 1903.

"PEARLS IN THE MOUTH."—White and sound teeth, healthy gums, and fragrant breath can only be obtained by the daily use of ROWLAND'S ODONTO. It eradicates tartar from the teeth, removes spots of incipient decay, and polishes and preserves the enamel to which it imparts a pearl-like whiteness. Sold by stores and Chemists. Ask for ROWLAND'S ODONTO.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, MARCH 25.

SECURITIES—		
2¾ per cent. Consols	£90 1-2	+ 1/16
3 per cent. Rentes	99	unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan	£106	do
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£65 7/8	— 1/8
SILVER—		
Spot in London	22 7/16	+ 1/16
2 months hence	22 1/4	+ 1/16
Spot in New York	48 5/8	+ 1/8
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25·16 1/2	— 1/2
Berlin „	20·50 1/2	+ 1/4
New York Demand	4·87	unchanged
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	4 pr ct	unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	3 5/8 pr ct	do
6 „ „ „	3 1/2 pr ct	do
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills	4 pr ct	do
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	4 pr ct	do
INTEREST—		
Day to-day loans	3 7/8 pr ct	unchanged
7 day market loans	3 5/8 pr ct	do

Amount paid into the Bank of England about £200,000.

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills for Rs. 70,00,000

Rs. 37·80 were allotted to Calcutta.
„ 20·50 do. Bombay.
„ 11·70 do. Madras.

Rs. 70·00 at 1s. 3 31-32d.

Minimum rate received 58 per cent. Average rate 15·96.

Telegraphic Transfers—Nil.

Total amount sold during week, Rs. 80,20,000.

Amount to be alloted next week, Rs. 50,00,000.

Metals :—Copper Braziers £75.

Yellow metal 6 5-8d.

Tin Plates 12s.

Bar iron Belgian £5-3s.

Iron Corrugated Sheets £11-10s.

Basic Steel Bars £5-4s.

Rubber.—Para Rubber, 3s. 9 1-2d.

Wheat—Club No. 1, 30 3-4. April-May, Sellers.

Rapeseed.—Yellow Guzerat 35 1-4 Apl.-May, Sellers. Tone dull.

Rapeseed.—Yellow Cawnpore 34 1-4. April-May, Sellers. Tone dull.

Rapeseed.—Brown 31 3-4. Apl.-May. Sellers. Tone dull.

Linseed Bold 42 3-8. April-May. Business done. Tone steady.

Coffee in New York 5 1-2.

BEEF AND MUTTON TALLOW.

Finest Australian Beef	35
Finest „ Mutton	34

General Tone of Auction steady.

In Liverpool.—

Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet. Manchester quiet. Total sales 8,000. Spot 5·38. Sold on speculation and for Export 500. Imports 21,000. Arrivals closed quiet.

Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June.	June-July.	
5·21	5·22	5·25	5·25	
+1	+2	+2	+1	
July.-Aug.	**Aug.-Sept.**	**Sept.-Oct.**	**Oct. Nov.**	**Nov.-Dec.**
5·25	5·17	4·81	4·61	4·55
+1	+1	—2	—2	—2

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	16,000 bales.
Do. last year	11,000 „
Exports to Great Britain	4,000 „
„ Continent	11,000 „
Mid-Uplands	10·15
Futures, month of March	9·92 — 1
Do. do. July	9·76

In New Orleans—

Spot	9 3-4
Futures month of June	9·85 — 3
Do. September	8·88 — 6
Tone at close	quiet.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, 25th March, 1903 :—

Cotton	11,134 bales.
Wheat	6,272 cwts.
Linseed	23 285 „
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds	3,943 „
Gingellyseed	7,205 „
Poppyseed	100
Groundnuts	1,046 „
Castorseed	9,390 „
Rice	12,213 „
Myrabollams	579 „
Cottonseed	8,508 „

BOMBAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 26.

EXCHANGE—Tone quiet.

Bank T. T.			1s. 3 31-32d.
Bank Demand			1s. 4d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A.			1s. 4 3-16d.
Do 6 do	do		1s. 4 5-16d.
French Francs 3 do	do		170
Marks 3 do	do		138 1-4
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight			118
Shanghai 30 do	do		160
Japan 30 do	do		150

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent—Tone quiet.

Cash	Rs. 98 10
1st Settlement	Rs. 98 10
2nd do.	Rs. 98 11

Money Market —Tone easy.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 2nd October		4 per cent
Bank of Bombay do. 12th March		7 do.
Bank of Bengal do. 26th March		7 do.
Bank of Madras do. 10th do.		8 do.

SEEDS.

	Rs. a.	Rs. a. p
Linseed.—Tone quiet.		
Ready	7 7	
Forward April-May	7 7	
Rapeseed.—Tone quiet..		
Brown Cawnpore Ready	5 7	to 5 8
Do Forward April-May	5 7	
Yellow Cawnpore Ready	5 13	
Do. Gujarat Forward, April-May	6 0	
Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.		
Ready	7 6	
Forward April-May	7 4	
Castorseed—Tone quiet.		
Ready	22 8	
Forward April-May.	23 0	
Groundnuts—Tone quiet.		
Ready	34 0	
Gingellyseed.—Tone quiet.		
15 per cent. Mxd. Ready	34 8	
25 „ „ „	33 12	
50 „ „ „	32 0	

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	easier.
Estimated sales	8 000
Total imports	17,000

March-Apri.	Apl.-May	May.-June.	June-July	
5·19	5·19	5·23	5·23	
+2	—3	—2	—2	
July-Aug.	**Aug.-Sept.**	**Sep.-Oct**	**Oct -Nov.**	**Nov-Dec.**
5·23	5·15	4·80	4·60	4·54
—2	—2	—1	—1	—1

COTTON.—The market is quiet, the days spot sales estimated at about 2,000 bales principally to mills.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited :—

Growths	Fine	F.-G.	Good	Delivery
Bengals H. G. (Ry. terms)	174	166	159	25 March
Bengals M. G. (Ry. terms)	188	179	...	do.
Sind-Punjab (M. G.)	187	179	...	do.
Belati M. G	191	183	...	do.
Khandesh M. G.	...	179	171	do.
Damangaum PoolgaumMG.	197	188	...	do.
Nagpur Kamptee	198	190	...	do.
Akola do Khamgaum do Karanja do	194	185	...	do.
Broach do	231	226	..	do.
Bhownugger do	208	198	...	25 May.
Do H. G.	204	194	180	do.
S.-G. Dharwar	...	...	219	do.
Westerns	...	...	205	do.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MARCH 25.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.

Surats quiet.

Good Bhownugger.

The Manchester Market has been quiet.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	90 1-2
3 per cent Rentes	99
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	106
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	65 7-8
Bar Silver	22 7-16

The sum of about £200,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

The following is the statement of Silver Balance in the Bombay Mint for the week ending 25th March :—

		Rs.
Value of Silver held on account of tenderers for British Dollar coinage on the evening of the 18th March		21,41,000
Do. Government Silver on do	do.	26,84,000
Total		48,25,000
Add—Silver received during the week on account of tenderers for British Dollar coinage	Rs. 23,80,000	
Do. do. Government	8,45,000	
		32,25,000
		80,50,000
Deduct—Dollars transferred to Custom House for export of the value of	8,80,000	
Petty items issued for miscellaneous purposes	.....	
New coin paid to the Reserve Treasure	7,00,000	
		15,80,000
Balance on evening of the 25th March	...	64,70,000
The Balance comprises—Silver held on account of the tenderers	Rs. 36,41,000	
Silver held on account of the Government	28,29,000	
	64,70,000	
There is in addition awaiting Assay :—Bullion received for British Dollar coinage.	Rs. 22,14,000	
Bullion belonging to Government	5,77,000	
	27,91,000	

THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, MARCH 26.

Thursday.—The depression which was entering Sind yesterday has advanced eastwards into Rajputana and has given light snow in Kashmir and light showers of rain in the West Himalayas. Thunderstorms, in some cases accompanied with hail, have occurred in Orissa, East Bengal and Assam. A heavy fall of rain of nearly 4 inches is reported from Barisal, and half an inch has fallen at Chittagong, Silchar and Dibrugarh. The residual depression in the north-east peninsula has filled up completely and the weather will probably be fine in Assam and Bengal during the next 24 hours. The depression passing through Rajputana will probably give only light showers in the West Himalayas unless a secondary depression forms in the Punjab when the precipitation will be heavier. The mean temperature has continued very largely below normal in the hills and plains of the Punjab and in large defect in the United Provinces a maximum temperature of from 104 to 106 degrees is reported from Cuddapah Kurnool, Yamethin and Thayetmyo.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON THURSDAY, THE 26TH MARCH.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes to-day, though irregular, show a general rise over a large area except locally at Jaipur, Jubbulpore, Jhansi and Saugor, where a brisk fall has taken place. Pressure is about a tenth higher than normal along the West Coast from Bombay to Karwar.

Winds are variable in direction and the force has been strong to a gale at Jamnagar and Bhuj and fresh at Dwarka.

Temperature is cooler than usual over nearly the whole country lying to the north of Latitude 16°. The maximum varied from 106° at Cuddapah to 79° at Lahore, and the minimum from 54° at Cawnpore to 81° at Negapatam.

Clouds and Humidity.—The sky is more or less cloudy in the Punjab and at Deesa, Karachi, Jaipur and Masulipatam. Humidity shows a large increase in Kathiawar and at Jhansi, Deesa and Ahmedabad.

Rain—Nil.

Weather.—An extremely small area of low pressure lies over Rajputana, Lower Sind, Cutch and at and about Deesa, Neemuch and Jhansi, where weather is more or less cloudy.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT—MARCH 25.

10 p.m.	75·8

SUNDAY—MARCH 23.

6 a.m.	73·6
10 a.m.	73·6
2 p.m.	91·9
4 p.m.	81·2

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

MARCH 16.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN—Via Teheran, Perfect Via Turkey Perfect Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE—Via Teheran, Perfect. Via Turkey perfect. Via Suez perfect.

AMERICA—Via Brest perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang. perfect. Via Amoor, perfect, Via Bhamo, perfect.

AFRICA—Via Aden. perfect. Via Cadis Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon, St. Vincent, perfect.

Cable Cayenne Pinheiros interrupted.

Cable Guantanamo Mole St Nicholas interrupted.

Cable Puerto Plata Martinique interrupted.

Cables Dominique Martinique, St Lucia Martinique Guadaloupe Martinique. St. Lucia, St. Vincent, interrupted.

Telegrams will be conveyed frequently by steamers.

Cable communication with Martinique is open via Lisbon and Cadiz.

Telegrams can only be accepted at sender's risk.

Code addresses should not be used.

Cable Paramaribo Cayenne interrupted.

Cable Zancibar Mombassa interrupted.

Until further notice private telegrams cannot be accepted for offices in the interior of Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

Caqie medan olehleh interrupted.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 26th March 1903.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	24	5	59 p m	40	11
Teheran	26	11	21 p m	0	13
Suez	26	2	15 p m	0	19

The occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. 26th March 1903.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	1	49	0	2
„ Karachi	1	16	0	2
„ Madras	1	4	0	5

SIR EDWARD BRADDON, the veteran Anglo-Indian ex-Premier of Tasmania, and brother of our most industrious lady novelist, was seriously ill when the last mail left. More than half a century has passed since Sir Edward left England to enter the service of a leading commercial house in Calcutta. He did good work as a Volunteer during the Mutiny, and afterwards rose to high distinction in the Indian Civil Service. When, like many other old Indian officials, Sir Edward retired to salubrious Tasmania, he entered on a new sphere of activity. He was soon sent to the Tasmanian Parliament, where he rapidly found his way to the Treasury bench and the Premiership. He spent some years in London as Agent-General for Tasmania, and it was then that he received the honour of knighthood. Sir Edward is the author of a capital book on all forms of Indian sport.

HUGHENDEN, famous as the home of the Earl of Beaconsfield, has been leased to Lord Cheylesmore. The late possessor of the title, by the way, had the same leaning towards historic houses, and was warrantably proud of the Manor of Cheylesmore, near Coventry, which was once the home of Edward the Black Prince. The mistaken rumour that Devonshire House was in the market must have originated with some of those people who have a passion for harping on that evergreen theme, the evolution of Piccadilly. St. James's Hall is to go, of course; the site opposite is being cleared; the Bath and Walsingham Hotels are shortly to be rebuilt; and the block which contains the Egyptian Hall (all Crown property) is soon to be cleared and rebuilt with business premises. But Devonshire House is to remain as ever, in, perhaps, the most coveted position in the West-end, and (with the single exception of Holland House) the one that is richest in brilliant associations. The site is not without defects to the business eye of a surveyor, but it covers, apart from Lansdowne House in the rear, more than two acres. The Piccadilly frontage is six hundred feet; the backward reach has an average of seventeen hundred feet, and the value, as assessed by a leading firm of estate agents, is a million and a half.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATH and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2, for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line, CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

SHROFF—March 26, at No. 32, Old Mody Street, Fort opposite Vatchaghandi's House, Mr Jehangir, the only beloved son of Mr K M Shroff. Funeral will take place this (Friday) morning at 8 o'clock.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

BOWRING—March 23, at Vacoa, Mauritius, the wife of Lieut-Colonel G Bowring, of a son.

BURNETT—March 13, at Westward Ho Lodge, Ootacamund the wife of J Burnett Burnett, Esq, of a daughter.

MOHN—March 22, at the Government Maternity Hospital, Madras, the wife of the Rev F Mohn, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BROWN—March 19, at the Government Maternity Hospital, Madras, after a serious operation, Alice, the beloved wife of Sergeant Instructor G Brown, Coorg and Mysore Rifles, and youngest and only surviving daughter of Surgeon-Captain and Mrs H Tallant.

NOCH—March 18, at Chudderghaut, Hyderabad, Deccan, Edward Noch, 1st Assistant Madrassa-i-Aizza and Secretary, Paper Club, aged 46 years and 6 months.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 59m. Sun sets, 6h. 12m. High water 10-46m., 11-4a. Low water, 4-32m., 4-36a.

Organ and Vocal Recital, Wesleyan Church, Colaba, 9 p. m.

Bombay Art Society's Exhibition, 8 a. m. to 9 p. m.

Gaiety Theatre, Delhi Durbar Scenes, 6-30 and 9-30 p. m.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamers Kistna and Austria left the dock yesterday.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamers Moshtari and Safari entered the dock on Wednesday, the steamer Gorgestan entered yesterday and the steamer Kassala left on Wednesday, the steamer Kalinady also left yesterday.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Singapore, China, and Japan, per extra s. s. Kagoshima Maru, will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 a. m. to-morrow, the 28th instant. Parcel mail for Japan will be closed at 5 p. m. to-day

THE LUXMI COTTON MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.—The annual general meeting of the shareholders of this company was held yesterday afternoon at the registered office of the company No. 4, Elphinstone Circle, Fort, Mr. M. Reid presiding. The directors' report and the audited balance sheet for the year ending 31st December 1902, were received and adopted. A dividend of Rs. 25 per share was declared, and the retiring directors were re-elected. Thanks were tendered to the secretaries, treasurers, and agents for their voluntarily giving up Rs. 20,000 out of their commission for the benefit of the company.

MUSIC AT THE ESPLANADE BANDSTAND—By kind permission of Major C. G. Carnegy and the Officers, the band of the 21st Bombay Infantry will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, Bandmaster, commencing at 5-30 p. m. to-day:—

March	Viscount Nelson	Zehle
Overture	Romantique	Keler Bela
Cavatina	Poliuto (1 Martiri)	Donizetti
Fantasia	Hibernian Bouquete	Kappy
Cornet Solo	Eine Nacht in der Schweitz	Hume
Valse	Sourire D'Avril	Depret

GOD SAVE THE KING.

RENT-COLLECTOR AND TENANT.—Before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Sittaram Baikrishna, a Hindu Goldsmith, appeared to answer a charge of assault preferred against him by one Magdum Bux. Mr. C. J. Mistry, pleader, defended the accused. The complainant in his evidence stated that he was the rent-collector of a chawl of which the accused was a tenant. On the 16th inst. the complainant asked the accused for the rent of the room occupied by him. The latter declined to do so and an altercation ensued, when he alleged the accused assaulted him. It was, however, proved by the defence that abusive words were exchanged but no assault took place. The Magistrate discharged the accused and fined complainant Rs. 10, which sum was ordered to be given to the accused as compensation.

BHAVNAGAR NOTES.—Our Bhavnagar correspondent writes :—Since writing to you last the weather has taken a change. The thermometer marks 62 deg. in the morning rising at 2p.m. to very nearly 89 deg.—Pandit Din Dayal, "The Tantri of Sanatan Dharm Mahamandal" lectured for five days in Bhavnagar on "Sanatan Dharm." The audience increased day by day, and on the last day the number amounted to very nearly five thousand.—A meeting was held in the "Mangal Menel" on Monday in honour of Goswami Deokinand Acharia and Pandit Din Dayal when a large number of people attended. An address was given in which the services of Din Dayal and Deokinand are highly eulogised "Daoki" means mother of Krishna, "Nand" a son of Acharia, a head of "Sanatan Dharm."—Mrs. Anne Besant lectures in Bhavnagar having arrived on Tuesday by mail from Adaia.

THE USE OF FOOT PATHS.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Roberts charged Naorozjee Framjee Joshi, a Parsee priest, and four others with walking along the carriage way in Duncan Road where a side walk exists, despite the orders of the Police. Mr Boyce pleader, appeared for the first accused. He requested the Court to allow his client to be represented by counsel as he had undergone certain ceremonies of purification, which would be broken if he entered the courthouse. The Magistrate said as the offence was not of a serious character he would allow the application. Mr Boyce said that his client was not aware of the new rule that the pedestrians should keep to the foot-paths, and was very sorry for having infringed the law. The other accused also expressed regret for what had occurred. The Magistrate warned and discharged the accused, and advised them to inform their friends and relations about the rule.

VAGRANTS—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Rolland and T. A. Brown, both European vagrants, were charged before Mr. P. H. Dastur, with deserting the Government Workhouse. The evidence showed that Rolland obtained leave from the Workhouse on the 18th instant and did not return until arrested by the police. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to ten days' rigorous imprisonment.—Brown obtained leave from the 1st April last to seek employment and did not return. He was arrested by the police on Wednesday. The accused said he secured an employment and proceeded to Calcutta, without informing the Governor of the Work house. The Magistrate held the offence was a technical one, and sentenced Brown to one day's nominal imprisonment. James Macpherson and A. W. S. Stewart, both Europeans, were charged with being vagrants before Mr. J. W. S Dracup and Mr P H Dastur, respectively. Both the accused admitted that they had no means of subsistence. They were ordered to be sent to the Workhouse.

MR. R. C. DUTT IN GUJERAT.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Ilao :—Mr. Romeschunder Dutt, who is touring in Gujerat to inspect personally the soil, and examine the condition of the cultivators, arrived here on the 22nd after visiting Ahmedabad, Kaira, and other places. He examined several villages of the Broach and Surat Districts on the 23rd. The agriculturists of this place and the surrounding villages took this opportunity to present him with an address to mark their appreciation of his endeavours to ameliorate their condition and bring their grievances to the notice of Government through the proper channel. On the 24th they assembled at the ginning factory bungalow where he had taken up residence. Mr. Ratanshaw Koyajee, B.A., introduced Mr. Dutt to the cultivator describing in a few words his self-sacrifice, his deep study of the agricultural matters, his many sided genius and unabating zeal, and read the address giving a brief substance of it in Gujerati. The address was then presented in a silver casket.

Mr Dutt replied to the address.

Mr. Ratanshaw interpreted the reply in Gujerati. Mr. Dutt was afterwards garlanded and presented with a bouquet. The cultivators gave cheers for him.

BEAUTY AND HYGIENE.

FOR health, beauty, and luxury, use the Albion Milk and Sulphur Soap, which, Lady Constance Howard writes, is "pleasant to use, and whitens and softens the Skin." Also Testimonials from Countess Bathurst, Lady White, Viscountess Exmouth, Lady Dorothy Nevill, and many others. Delicately perfumed. Warning.—When buying the Albion Milk and Sulphur Soap, see that name and figure head of "Albion" are on the wrapper. Sold by all Chemists, Grocers, &c

NOTES FROM NAGPORE.

OUR Nagpore correspondent writing on Tuesday says :—The distribution of prizes to the volunteers who were successful at the recent annual rifle meeting took place on Saturday, the 14th instant, on the ground adjoining the offices of the Examiner, P. W. Accounts, C. P. There was a large attendance of spectators. Mr. Craddock, the Commissioner, presided and Mrs. Ismay very kindly gave away the prizes. Mr. Craddock addressed the volunteers, saying that as it is usual to take quinine before the sugar plum, he would first point out certain defects in the new drill which the men are undergoing, and afterwards dwell on the achievements of the corps during the year. He regretted to find that the non-commissioned officers, on whom the working of the new drill wholly depends, have not made themselves efficient in the same, and he, therefore, exhorted them to make the best possible efforts in mastering its intricacies in the future. He was pleased to learn that the men acquitted themselves well at the inspection of the corps by General Hill, and at the annual inspection by General Pento. He urged them to be more energetic and enthusiastic in their and duties referred to the number of men on the rolls and the capitation grant earned during the year, and said that the increase in both respects was very satisfactory. As regards the volunteers who proceeded to England and Delhi for the Coronation ceremonies, Mr. Craddock said that he had been informed that the former selection was the best that could have been made, and in the latter the corps was well represented. Being asked by the Commandant to thank certain officers and non-commissioned officers, Mr. Craddock said that it was a great pleasure for him to mention the names of those who rendered good service to the corps during the past year. He thanked Captain E. C. P. Bridges, the Adjutant, for the keen interest he had shown in the corps, and Captain V. C. French for the good services rendered by him. In conclusion, Mr. Craddock spoke of the valuable services of Colonel Ismay who has long been associated with the corps, and who invariably exhibited an untiring interest in bringing the corps to its present state of efficiency, and he finally wished Colonel and Mrs. Ismay an enjoyable holiday in the home land, a wish in which everybody present shared.

His numerous friends will be sorry to hear of the death from plague of Mr. Keshao Rao Vinayak Joshi, B. A., Head Master, Neill City School, Nagpur, which took place on Friday the 13th instant. The deceased was for some time a member of the Municipality and a staunch supporter of the Congress movement. He was popular especially with the student community, and in his death the City School has suffered a great loss.

The building rendered vacant by the transfer of the office of the D. T. Superintendent to Dongargarh, together with the block of building occupied by the office of the Deputy Comptroller of Postal Accounts has been purchased by the Central India Spinning and Weaving Company. This adds considerably to the already extensive premises of the Empress Mills.

A reward of Rs. 500 has been sanctioned by the Chief Commissioner to anyone who kills the man-eating tigress that frequents the neighbourhood of Salekassa between the stations of Salekassa and Darekassa in the Bandhara District.

The office of the District Traffic Superintendent, B. N. Railway, was removed from Nagpore last week to Dongargarh.

The total number of deaths registered in Nagpur during the week ending 14th March was 773 against 1017 and 986 in the two preceding weeks, and higher than the corresponding week of last year by 707. There were 710 deaths from plague against 946. The general death-rate of the week was 319·8 per mille per annum against 95·1 the mean of the last five years. The total number of births registered during the week was 74 the ratio being 30·6 per mille per annum.

The total mortality from plague in Nagpur since the commencement of the outbreak in January up to the 20th March was 5,205.

THE BOMBAY DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ACT.

REVERSAL OF CONVICTION AND SENTENCE.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Crowe and the Hon Mr. Justice Chandavarkar, presiding at the High Court on Monday, disposed of an application for revision in the case of Imperator against Chimilal Nathu. The accused was convicted by Mr. V. M. Mehta, First Class Magistrate of Kaira, in October last, of building without the permission of the Municipality an "ordi" at the back of his house, and was fined three rupees. Mr. L. A. Shah appeared for the accused, and Mr. G. S. Rao for the opponent.

Mr. Justice Crowe, in giving the court's decision after hearing the arguments of the pleaders, said : The applicant has been convicted of contravening the provision of Section 96 of the Bombay District Municipal Act 3 of 1901, by building an "ordi" at the back of his house without permission from the Municipality.

It appears from the evidence in the case that the applicant applied on the 10th November, 1896, for permission to build, and that application was refused by an order of the managing committee on the 18th November, 1896. On the 3rd June 1901, he again applied to the Municipality to be allowed to build, and on the 30th September, 1901, the managing committee granted the permission applied for. It is contended by the opponent that this order was communicated to the applicant, and that it was set aside by the general committee on the 26th May, 1902, on the ground that the managing committee had no power to pass the order. The Magistrate has held that, in face of the order of the 28th November, 1896, refusing permission, the applicant had no right to move the managing committee afresh for permission to build. It does not appear that the applicant moved the managing committee—his application being addressed to the Municipality—and there is no provision in law restricting persons from renewing an application as often as they think proper to do so. The provision enjoined by the Act is clear. Before passing orders under Sub-section 2 of Section 96, it is competent to the Municipality to issue a provisional order, which is not to be in force for longer than one month, directing that the work shall not be proceeded with, or it may demand further particulars. By Sub-section 4 of Section 96, a building proposed in a notice given under Sub-section 1 may be proceeded with if the Municipality have neither passed orders and served notice thereof under Sub-section 2, nor issued a provisional order under Sub-section 3. In the present case, a provisional order was issued on the 8th July, 1901, and was communicated to applicant. That order exhausted itself on the 8th August, 1901; and the applicant was, therefore, at liberty, in the absence of any order under Sub-section 2, to proceed with his intended work up to the 8th August, 1902; and this the applicant has done. It does not appear that he has contravened any of the provisions of the Municipal Act so as to expose himself to a criminal prosecution. We must reverse the conviction and direct the fine to be refunded.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hour ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results.—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Plague. Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	7	5	8
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	31	24	38
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbharwada	45	41	63
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	35	33	39
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	70	62	83
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	21	18	24
G Mahim and Worli	33	21	30
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	16	24
Total	242	217	309
Total plague deaths to date	250,363	111,613	
Same date last year	176	134	283

PLAGUE AT BANDRA.

No case and no death from plague was reported within the limits of the Bandra Municipality on the 25th instant.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE Asiatic S N Co's steamer Nairang, 2,861 tons, Captain W H Edge, sailed yesterday, for Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo.

THE steamer Lethington, 2,854 tons, Captain W Millar, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Calcutta, 14th March, with a cargo of coal.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Kistna, 524 tons, Captain D Neilson, sailed yesterday, for Karachi with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Miss Lamb, Miss Barbow, Mr J H Huggy, Mr James Wood, Mr H E King, Mr Pervis and 65 deck.

THE steamer Indra, 3,923 tons, Captain W H Wilks, sailed yesterday, for Genoa with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mr and Mrs McAlpin, Mrs McMillan and two children, Mrs Lawrence and child, Captain Whitehead and Captain Little.

THE steamer Gorgestan, 2,092 tons, Captain K Saunders, arrived in harbour yesterday, from London, 21st February, with 676 packages explosives and a general cargo, and Mrs and Miss Perks, as passengers. The vessel is consigned to Messrs Ewart Latham and Co.

MEN-OF-WAR AND ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

R I M S Clive	Comdr G S Hewett	R I Marine
Richard Grech	178	I Government
Ceylon	Capt A Channer	R N Ceylon Govt L S Steamer
H M S Magdala		Turrent-ship
H M S Abyssinia		Turret-ship
Tenasserim		Receiving Hulk
Torpedo Boat No. 100		
Do No 102		
Do No 103		

IN THE STREAM.

H M S Perseus	E R Pears	Royal Navy

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—MARCH 26.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent
Carthage	2893	Jephson			P & O Co
Ranee	3614	Corran			T M & Co
Chanda	1301	Cunningham			M M & Co
Godwit	25	Scovell			Yacht
Huzara	1336	Cole			M M & Co
Khandalla	1318	Hirst			M M & Co
Umta	3451	Walkeys			M M & Co
Ramsay	2767	Mullar			R Bomonji
Calliope	183	Price			W & A G & Co
Maroa	4151	Adams			K N & Co
Sofala	3437	Alexander	Calcutta		M M & Co
Vermont		Flawse			M M & Co
Vaxhall Bridge	2178	Ruder			W & A G & Co
Henry Bolckow		Fowle	P Gulf		B & P S N Co
Kt of St George	2964	Dicks			T M & Co
Nadir	2011	Morgan	Calcutta		T M & Co
Kohinur	1935	McKinnon	Calcutta		T M & Co
Lethington	2854	Millar			W& A G & Co
R I M S Elphinstone		Comdr D H Gibsone			R I Marine

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
A	Buceros	2595	Johnston	Antwerp	30-3	W&A G&Co
B	Jerseymore	2407	Moffett	Hull	31-3	Ralli Bros
C	Gorjistan			P Gulf	29-3	B & P S N Co
D & E	Safari	933	Weinker	Zanzibar	30-3	A Strandes
G	Moshtari	1110	Baker	R S Ports	3-4	B & P S NCo
F	Wistow Hall	2138	Laidlay	Liverpool	3-4	K N & Co
H	Cromwell	1977	Woodruff	London	5-4	M M & Co
K	Ascot	2785	Stoker	Kobe	4-4	K N & Co
M	Turkistan	1992	Paton	Genoa		E L & Co
N	Barton	2408	Underwood	Kartzwick	31-3	K & N Co
O	Woodbridge	2331	Notman	Marseilles	31-3	Ralli Bros
P	Fulwell	2381	Brown	Hamburg	28-3	M M & Co
Q	C Sutherland	1779	Ridgway	Liverpool	5-4	F M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Courland	760	Esmail	Gulf Ports	26-3	Shepd & Co
Satrunji	547	Ahmed	Mangalore	27-3	Shepd & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
1	Melpomene	2300	Tosoni	Kobe	30-3	A L S N Co
2	Circassia	4760	Haig	Marseilles	4-4	W&A G&Co
3	Massilia	2745	Cockman	Aden	28-3	P & O Co
4	Kagoshima M.	2652	Keri	Japan	28-3	N Y Kaisha
5	Elba	2634	Bruhn			H C Joosub
7	Imperator	2820	Ivellich	Trieste	1-4	A L S N Co
8	Virginia	2789	McDougall	London	1-4	W&AG&Co
12	Arabia	4167	Leigh	London	4-4	P & O Co
15	Kinshin Maru	2319	Payne	Japan	31-3	N Y Kaisha
16	Gloamin	2248	Learmouth	Havre	4-4	W&A G&Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Kola	497	Rickford	Karachi	28 3	M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

Mar.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
26	R I M S Elphinstone	Gibsone	Karachi, March 24
	Gorjestan s	Saunders	London, Feb 21
	Lethington s	Millar	Calcutta, Mar 14
	Chindwara s	McLean	Persian Gulf

DEPARTURES.

Mar.	Vessel.	Commander	Destination.
26	Austria s	Callendain	Trieste, &c
	Nairung s	Edge	Calcutta, &c
	Indra s	Wilks	Genoa
	Kistna s	Neilson	Karachi

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday ;—

Steamer Safari, for Zanzibar, &c.
Do Kohinur, for Calcutta and coast ports.
Do Nadir, for Calcutta and Rangoon.
Do Moshtari, for Jeddah, &c.
Do Alboin, for Bangkok.
Do Maroa, for Hull.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, MARCH 25.

Clan Robertson arrived here this morning.

The Messageries Maritimes Co., s. s. Caledonien left Aden of Bombay on Wednesday 25th instant at 1 p. m. and she is expected here on Monday 30th instant at 6 p. m.

The Florio Rubattino Company's steamer Ischora left Penang for Bombay on 26th inst.

ADEN, MARCH 25.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Egypt with the homeward Mails of the 21st instant arrived here at 11 p. m. to-day (Wednesday).

SUEZ, MARCH 26.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Britannia with the outward Mails of the 20 instant left here at 3 a. m. to-day (Thursday).

DAILY EXPORTS.—MARCH 26.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Clan Sutherland s—42 bales hemp and 1020 cwt myrabollams Ebjee Oomersey ; 4000 cwt cottonseed Forbes Forbes and Co ; 1610 cwt cottonseed Ralli Brothers ; 200 bales cotton The New Mofussil Co.

Circassia s—7 bales silk waste Kahn and Kahn ; 54 bales wool B Abbirchand ; 500 cwt linseed cake Glade and Co ; 340 bales hemp P Bhimjee.

FOR LONDON.

Cromwell s—100 bales hemp Ebjee Oomersey ; 17 bales hides B Esmali ; 2693 cwt cottonseed Forbes Forbes and Co ; 976 cwt blood manure Abdoola Hoosein.

Massilia s—10 cwt ivory Fazel Mahomed ; 1 bundle ivory N Meanee.

Virginia s—780 cwt cottonseed The Bombay Co ; 51 cases black tea William M Beil ; 8 cwt horns J M Rahimtoola.

Arabia s—8 bales hides Pestonjee Eduljee Boyce.

FOR MANCHESTER.

Circassia s—9 bales twist Killick Nixon and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Virginia s—1000 cwt poppyseed David Sassoon and Co ; 4001 cwt cottonseed G Madhowjee ; 2010 cwt cottonseed Waghjee Beohor.

FOR ANTWERP.

Buceros s—2000 cwt rapeseed David Sassoon and Co ; 132 bales cotton E Spinner and Co ; 110 bales cotton Forbes Forbes and Co ; 500 cwt myrabollams H Anandrao and Co ; 4000 cwt rapeseed and 200 cwt mustardseed Volkart Brothers ; 110 bales cotton Ewing and Co ; 1000 bags rice N Khairaz and Co ; 85 bales hemp P Bhimjee ; 1000 cwt gingellyseed Killick Nixon and Co.

FOR HAMBURG.

Fullwell s—400 bales cotton, 4017 cwt linseed and 299 cwt teelseed Ralli Brothers ; 110 bales cotton Volkart Brothers ; 150 bales hemp P Bhimjee.

FOR HAVRE.

Gloamin s—2265 bales cotton Ralli Brothers.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Circassia s—2 cases silk piece goods Kahn and Kahn ; 150 bales cotton Ralli Brothers ; 3999 cwt gingellyseed J A Begbie and Co.

Wistow Hall s—899 cwt gingellyseed E D Sassoon and Co ; 4000 cwt gingellyseed N Sundarjee and Co ; 2001 cwt gingellyseed E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Imperator s—4 bales cotton Ralli Brothers ; 110 bales cotton Glade and Co ; 220 bales cotton A Bisscneck and Co ; 14 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Imperator s—150 bales cotton Volkart Brothers ; 100 bales cotton Walter Pavri and Co ; 10 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

FOR BARCELONA.

Circassia s—100 bales cotton E Spinner and Co ; 550 bales cotton Ralli Brothers.

FOR GENOA.

Turkistan s—300 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

FOR ODESSA.

Imperator s—300 bales cotton Ritchie Steuart and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Ascot s—709 bales cotton Tata and Co.

Kinshin Maru s—230 bales cotton R S N Talati and Co ; 200 bales cotton Ralli Brothers ; 100 bales cotton G Dossa and Co.

FOR YOKKAICHI.

Kinshin Maru s—200 bales cotton Ralli Brothers ; 230 bales cotton D D Curranee and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Kinshin Maru s—300 bales cotton Ralli Brothers.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Kinshin Maru s—1000 bales twist David Sassoon and Co.

Ospedaletto, on the shore of Lake Como, is being evacuated by its inhabitants. The spot has become undermined by the water, and the entire village is expected to fall into the lake, as the land on which the village stands is sliding gradually into the lake. One house has gone already.

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SIR HECTOR MACDONALD.

NOT a man to-day but will lament the inglorious ending of a brilliant career. "Fighting Mac" has chosen to appear unsummoned before his Maker rather than face the ordeal of a court-martial. The charges against him we shall never fully know. Nor shall we be able to do more than conjecture whether he was the victim of a conspiracy or if he were not hounded into temporary insanity by the unsympathetic treatment of those whose duty as Englishmen is to hold a man innocent until he is proven guilty. The story of Sir Hector's rise is familiar to everyone. Born fifty years ago in Rootfield he was, after a meagre education, engaged in the shop of a local tradesman. But the desire for a military career was ever present with him, and when seventeen years of age he enlisted in the 92nd Highlanders, now known as the Gordons. For nine years he served in the ranks. His merits were recognised by Lord Roberts, then Sir Frederick, during the battle of Kandahar, and he obtained for him a commission as second-lieutenant. He served in the Afghan war in 1879-80; in the Maidan Expedition; accompanied Sir Frederick Roberts in his march to Kabul; was present at the battle of Kandahar. He was in the Boer War of 1881, and was present at Majuba Hill. Next we find him in the Nile Expedition, at Suakim, again on the Nile at Tokar, then commanding an Infantry brigade in the Dongola Expedition, commanding an Egyptian brigade at Atbara and Khartoum. After receiving the thanks of Parliament and the appointment of A.-D.-C. to the Queen, Sir Hector came to India to command the troops in Sirhind. After the death of Colonel Wauchope in South Africa Sir Hector was sent for to command the Highland Brigade, and we recall the reference to his reception by the Gordons of which Sir Conan Doyle wrote at the time. "The famous Hector Macdonald," he wrote, "'Fighting Mac' as he was called by his men, had joined the regiment as a private, and had worked through the grades of corporal, sergeant, captain, major, and colonel, until now, still in the prime of his manhood, he found himself riding at the head of a brigade. A bony, craggy Aberdonian, with a square fighting head and a bull-dog jaw, he had conquered the exclusiveness and routine of the British service by the same dogged qualities which made him formidable to Dervish and to Boer. With a cool brain, a steady nerve and a proud heart, he is an ideal leader of infantry, and those who saw him manœuvre his brigade in the crisis of the battle of Omdurman speak of it as the one great memory which they carried back from the engagement. On the field of battle, he turns to the speech of his childhood, the jagged, rasping homely words which brace the nerves of the northern soldier. This was the man who had come from India to take the place of poor Wauchope; and to put fresh heart into the gallant but sorely stricken brigade." He was wounded at Paardeburg. Would that his wounds had proved fatal, or that he had fallen with his honours thick upon him. Better that a thousand times than that so glorious a career had come to such an ignominious termination.

PLAY AND PLAYERS AT MONTE CARLO. SIR HIRAM S. MAXIM contributes to the "National Review" a paper on the above subject which all gamblers and persons inclined to game would do well to read before visiting the Casinos. A Paris correspondent sometime ago wrote: "After fifteen years of experience at Monte Carlo, costing a sum which I should be ashamed to name; after a thorough systematic investigation of more than four hundred systems and progressions; after having had a mathematician especially employed to test, for more than three years, every promising idea, I can say with certainty, it is absolutely impossible to win anything at Monte Carlo. Sir Hiram S. Maxim is wrong. He says the chances are ten to one against the player: I say they are 999 to one against the player." Now, Sir Hiram has never played at Monte Carlo or anywhere else. He is a man of industry and of intellect, and it is contrary to nature for such men to game. But Sir Hiram has carefully watched and studied the game and seen others part with their cash, and to the many who are attempting to invent systems he would say that "the most adverse run is just as likely to appear as any other, no matter how or where you stake. No amount of moving about on the board will increase your chances in the least. Mathematics does not admit of anything more favourable than the old 'martingale,' and thousands refer to that system as a delusion and a fraud." From which it will be gathered that Sir Hiram does not build upon any possibility of "breaking the bank" by any so-called system. Of Lord Rosslyn's system he has the least damnatory opinion. He admits its ingenuity, but cannot close his eyes to the fact that it is uncanny. It is attractive at first sight, but it is not so favourable at the martingale. Lord Rosslyn himself says there is no doubt as to his own system, but that perseverance, strong nerves, and the constitution of a dray-horse are absolutely necessary to success. He still believes in the infallibility of his system notwithstanding the experiences of the syndicate be raised to work it. The system worked out all right, he says, "but the temptation was so great to bet on numbers that I lost the winnings of the system by staking on numbers. I lost because I did not stick strictly to the system." No habitual gambler could possibly follow a system. The gambling passion become so strong in him that he cannot resist the temptation to make more. So he loses even that which he had.

The winnings of the Bank at Monte Carlo now amount to £3,425 per day, and according to Sir Hiram's calculations the Bank gets one-sixtieth of all the money that passes over its tables. Seventy-five millions of pounds are staked there every year—something less than a million and a half being actually taken into the Casino, of which the Bank gets ninety per cent the year round. People go there in the hope of making money, but few of them do it. Many absolutely disregard the chances of winning, playing on numbers and groups where the percentage against them is double what it is on even chances. The Bank wants money, the players want money, but Herr Victor Silberer, the Austrian mathematician, declares that the only good system of Monte Carlo is to be the Bank. "There is not a detail of the play, whether the game be roulette or trente-et-quarante, which does not work out to the entire advantage of the Bank, and, naturally, to the detriment of the player," says Herr Silberer. Sir Hiram Maxim is equally plain-spoken, but more explicit, when he writes that the study of the extensive literature on the subject demonstrates the shallowness of the reasoning powers of the writers. Ninety per cent of them know considerably less than nothing of the subject on which they write so learnedly. They are quite as much at sea as the inventors of the systems. More than half of the so-called systems are based on the idea that an evening-up of accounts must come after a run of seven or eight times—a supposed law of equality. Lord Rosslyn believed in that law. Herr Silberer declares that the probabilities are just one to one, that red will come up again after a run of twenty-one or after a run of fifty for that matter. "The red compartments in the roulette wheel are still as large and as numerous as the black ones, and the probabilities for the next coup are not affected in the slightest by what has gone before. Thus after the longest series of red the chances that it will come out once more is exactly what red's chance was in the beginning—namely, an even chance, one to one." We find enough in Sir Hiram's article to demonstrate clearly that no system, however ingenious, can beat the bank in the long run, and that the "man who broke the Bank" only did so figuratively.

Though it is impossible for a man or a system to beat the Bank, it is possible for a man to live off the Bank. Some do. Apart from the Casino, Monte Carlo is a very attractive place, situated in the very centre of the Riviera. Immense sums are spent yearly in the erection of splendid chateaux and villas, in laying out parks and grounds, and in building and equipping great hotels and cafes where enormous prices are charged. Moreover, as Sir Hiram points out, visitors to Monte Carlo are notoriously extravagant in every direction, and, in fact, money "seems to be knocking about as freely as pebbles on the seashore. Vulgarity is rampant, and the vain squanders his money to show his disregard for gold." Sir Hiram apparently thinks as little of the people who go there as of their principal pastime. Groups of them manage to live off the Bank by "martingale" sometimes. At others these persons do not always stake their own money but dexterously move the stakes of bona-fide players on to another chance, and moving it with their own 5-franc pieces. The martingale Sir Hiram considers as of many varieties, but he regards them all as consisting of some mode of diminishing the rapidity of the progression, and so spinning out the game and making it last longer in order to give the player more play for his money. All the modifications, however, only increase the number of coups and the average magnitude of the stakes. Yet, though he condemns the Casinos and the play he cannot deny that much of the present prosperity of the Riviera depends upon its success. It brings tons of gold to that part of Europe which would otherwise not go there. Still the Casino lives on disasters and moralists have ample ground for moralising.

THE IRISH LAND BILL. MR. WYNDHAM'S Irish Land Bill which has been received with general approval in the House of Commons is a compromise in its financial proposals. The Land Conference recommended that the amount of the purchase money payable by the tenants should be extended over a series of years, and should be at such a rate as would at once secure to the tenants a reduction of not less than 15 per cent. and not more than 25 per cent. on second term rents. Landlords and tenants agreed to ease their own burdens at the expense of the British taxpayer, for in order that the tenant should not pay too heavily and the landlord should not sell too cheaply the Conference decided that the landlords should receive a bonus from the Government. The amount necessary for the farmers to complete their share of the agreement was estimated at one hundred millions to be advanced as a loan, and over and above that sum it was calculated that a free gift of fifty-two millions was essential to the success of the scheme. Mr. Wyndham has not accepted these calculations in their entirety. The loan of a hundred millions is to be granted to the tenants, but the large free grant for which the landlords looked is reduced to twelve and a half millions. The net result is that the period of purchase for the tenant must be spread over a greater number of years than the Conference proposed. There is here the element of some conflict in the House before the Bill is passed, for while the present owners have no desire to abate their price the tenants naturally will object to have the day of actual ownership postponed. However that be, the Bill as it stands is a remarkable one. It is remarkable in its liberality and in the economic revolution which it proposes to effect. Since the first of Mr. Gladstone's series of historic Land Acts there has been no more sympathetic attempt to deal with the agrarian problem in Ireland than the measure now introduced by Mr. Wyndham. If the truth must be told it is to the Land legislation of Gladstone that we must look for the genesis of the situation that has brought landlords and tenants to agreement, and has made it possible for a Conservative Chief Secretary to propose a Bill which no Liberal Government could hope to carry. The agreement of farmer and landowner would, however, not have sufficed to produce a solution of the agrarian problem if there had not been sympathy on the part of the Government. The inspiration which led to the appointment of Mr. Wyndham as Irish Secretary was only a little less remarkable than that which gave him as his Under-Secretary the man best qualified to deal with the problem in the wisest way. Mr. Wyndham has not belied his Geraldine ancestry; and it is one of the strange and most dramatically fitting incidents of Irish history that the descendant of the gallant and chivalrous rebel Lord Edward FitzGerald, should be the man who promises to dispel disloyalty and discontent in Ireland by a measure which is designed to bring permanent peace and prosperity to the country. Though there will be some criticism of its details the Land Bill has been accepted and cordially welcomed by the Irish as right in principle; and the indications are that it will be passed with a celerity unexampled in Irish legislation.

AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS IN BOMBAY. THE agriculturists of the Presidency of Bombay are still occupied with harvesting operations. All over Sind reaping has commenced, oil seeds and the rabi crops being gathered in. In Karachi the standing crops are in poor condition over some areas though generally speaking they are doing well. In parts of Sukkur the growing plants have been slightly injured by frost and need of moisture, and in Upper Sind insects, frost, and stormy weather have caused some damage. In other parts of the province there seems to be no ground for complaint. In Gujarat cotton is being picked, and the reaping of the Gujarat crops and the pulses has been concluded. As a rule the standing crops are doing well, although some slight damage has been caused to cotton and oil seed in Ahmedabad and by insects and frost to the rabi crops of Surat. In the Konkan the situation is unaltered. The threshing of rice is either well advanced or completed, and raw materials have been gathered on in most places. Operations are also well advanced in the Deccan. In Poona lands are now being prepared for next season in some places, though harvesting and threshing still continue. The same remark applies to Sholapur. In the Southern Mahratta country conditions are as a rule excellent. However, in Bijapur scarcity of water is being experienced in a number of talukas. In other parts of the presidency the growing crops are all doing well. There seems to be little to record as to the prices of food grains. In Sind there has been no alteration, and in Gujarat the fluctuations have been insignificant. In Sholapur prices have slightly risen, but elsewhere in the Deccan no alterations of any note have been recorded. All over the presidency agricultural stock remains in good condition, and there is plenty of fodder.

THE Police Commission, after taking evidence at Delhi, left on Tuesday evening for Lahore via Phillour.

THE appointment of Major-General Egerton to command the new Peshawar District, and of Brigadiers-General Dening and Des Veux to Derajat and Kohat Districts, have been sanctioned, with effect from the 1st April.

THE Kanwar Sahib of Patiala has made a free gift of his house at Kassauli to the Pasteur Institute at that place, with the expressed object of its being devoted to the purposes of that institution. His Highness has received the cordial thanks of the Lieutenant-Governor for his gift.

THE scheme under which officers of the Indian Telegraph Department will be graded on lines similar to those followed in the case of the Engineer establishment of the Public Works Department, has been sanctioned by the Secretary of State. Some additions will be made to the higher grades.

THE following telegram has been despatched by the Madras Mahajana Sabha to H. E. the Viceroy:—"The Mahajana Sabha respectfully convey their acknowledgement of gratitude to H. E. the Viceroy for the relief generously granted to the poorer classes by the reduction of salt tax and by raising the assessable minimum for income tax.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti-Valley Railway for the week ending 7th February amounted to Rs. 29,0'9, being a decrease on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 4,60'. Total earnings from 1st January to 7th February were Rs. 1,57,583, being an increase on the corresponding period of last of Rs. 7,415.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Prantej Railway for the week ending 7th February amounted to Rs. 1,738, being a decrease on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 2,202. Total earnings from 1st January to 7th February were Rs. 15,901 being a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 5,452.

A NATIVE correspondent states that the Amir of Afghanistan has sent a firman to the Anjumani-Himayat Islam, Lahore, to provide competent teachers for the new college which he has established at Kabul. The names of five graduates and two undergraduates were accordingly submitted, and the Amir has accepted the nominations. The newly engaged teachers will start at once for Kabul.

IT would appear that after all the Hugli Trainingship scheme has not entirely fallen through. At the annual meeting of the Imperial Anglo-Indian Association held on Saturday it was announced that the Government of India was prepared to assist, to a certain extent, the Anglo-Indian community in sending home a batch of boys to be trained for the Royal Navy. On the success of such an experiment would depend the future of the scheme for a ship on the Hughli.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending March 24 was 1,984, giving a death-rate of 132·94 per annum per thousand as against 112·30 the corresponding period of last year, and 147·17 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 48 died from fevers; 1,270, plague; 85, small-pox; 55, measles; 1, cholera; 1, leprosy; 56, phthisis; 55, diseases of the nervous system; 16, affections of the respiratory organs; 36, diarrhœa; 20, dysentery; 33, still-born; 105, old age and debility; 13, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 73; Brahmin, 73; Lingaet, 4; Bhattia, 9; Hindu of other caste, 1,190; Hindu low caste, 216; Musalman, 312; Parsi, 41; Jew, 6; Native Christian, 58; Eurasian, 2; European, 0; Negro-African 0; Budhist, 0; other and unknown castes, 0. The total number of births was 280 as against 220 the corresponding period of last year and 203 the average over the past five years.

THE Society of American Women in London recently held its fourth anniversary luncheon at Prince's, Piccadilly, the President, Mrs. Hugh Reid Griffin, in the chair. About 150 members and guests were present.

THE SULTAN'S PRIVATE LIFE.

HAUNTED WITH TERROR.

THERE appears in "Pearson's Magazine" for March a remarkable article dealing with the Sultan of Turkey. It is written by the son of a gentleman who was at one time an official at the Court of the strange personage who rules his Mohammedan Empire from within the walls of the Yildiz Palace.

It is a curious story—a story of a nerve-broken old man, who clings wildly to life, though through his fears life has long ceased to bring enjoyment.

Yildiz Kiosk is perched on a high hill overlooking the Bosphorus, and around its broad acres are drawn tall walls and strong fortifications. Within, mosques, pavilions, and chalets are scattered in the strangest profusion, varying in their styles of architecture with the restless caprices of their builder.

It is indeed a town in which are factories, arsenals, stables, and barracks garrisoned by 7,000 soldiers of the Imperial Guard and populated by some 5,000 creatures of an Eastern Court—wives and concubines, slaves and eunuchs, servants and musicians.

Near the centre is a simple wooden chalet, with some twenty-four rooms luxuriously if barbarously furnished, and here or in a little neighbouring kiosque, walled with cement, the Sultan of Turkey lives out his haunted life.

HIS READY REVOLVER.

Always, writes Mr. B. Fletcher Robinson in the "Daily Express," he carries a revolver hidden somewhere within the folds of his robes—and when he is receiving anyone in audience, his right hand is never far from the place where the revolver lies. With painful anxiety he watches the slightest movements of anyone who is admitted to his presence. Living in mortal fear of assassination, a brusque movement, a quick stop, even a change of attitude is enough to make him start in terror, and to send his right hand to his revolver pocket—and often, overcome by sudden fear, he whips out his revolver, and shoots some wholly inoffensive man or woman.

When walking one day in the park at Yildiz the Sultan came upon a gardener, kneeling on the ground, intent on his work. Suddenly becoming aware of his royal master's approach, the man rose up quickly, to assume a more respectful attitude. Fatal movement; for instantly, startled by the man's sudden uprising before him, instinctively suspecting treachery, the Sultan drew his revolver and fired, and the man dropped dead at his feet. When searched no weapon was found upon him, save his gardening tools.

Abdul Hamid's groundless fears, though they do not always have such tragic sequences, invariably lead to unpleasant scenes. Only great presence of mind on the part of a suspected person will save the situation. Thus a trusty Minister, Hakin Pacha, was in the Sultan's room, and noticed that a draught was annoying his Majesty. His sudden movement, as he quickly rose to close the window, was enough to send the Sultan's hand to the revolver that lay concealed beneath a handkerchief, and it was only by sitting down as quickly as he had risen up that he escaped a bullet from the revolver.

And once, one night when the Sultan was lying in bed, he summoned his chamberlain, Raghib Bey, in audience leaning over the bed to light a cigarette at the Sultan's command, he happened to make a movement which sent his master into paroxysms of fear.

The Sultan imagined that his chamberlain meant to strangle him. Seizing his wrists, the terrified monarch held them fast until his wild shrieks brought the guards rushing to his aid.

FEAR OF POISON.

Of poison he has an equal fear to that which be displays against more open assaults. His private kitchen is a veritable fortress—a tiny chamber with barred windows and massive door. This is how the Sultan is served.

As the hour of dinner approaches, two high officials bear a little four legged table, set with the Imperial dinner-service, before the Sultan—followed by a lacquey with a tray, on which are spread the dishes. These are totally enveloped in a black sheet, the ends tied and sealed with red wax by the Kelardji. Behind marches another servant bearing bread, and a fifth brings up the rear with a sealed bottle of water.

All who encounter the imposing cortege bearing the dinner bow low before it as it passes to the Sultan's apartment. The dinner is received by the Kelardji, who breaks the seals in the presence of his Majesty with a solemnity fitting the occasion, and offers each dish in turn.

Merely touching one or two Abdul Hamid—who is as abstemious as he is suspicious—orders the remainder to be carried to such courtiers as he desires to honour, for it is no light favour to be allowed to finish a Sultan's meal.

Now and again the Sultan is seized with a fit of suspicion, and, pretending that he detects poison in a dish, suddenly orders the Kelardji to taste it, narrowly watching the effects of the experiment.

Another precaution that he takes is to surround himself with a number of cats and dogs, throwing them scraps of food, and seeing that they survive before he ventures to eat himself.

Fond as he is of sheep's feet stewed in sauce, and all kinds of piquant dishes, the Sultan holds boiled eggs in esteem above everything considering that they are less likely to convey poison than anything else.

LOVE OF ANIMALS.

In this curious character we find some startling manifestations. He is very fond of animals. There is a menagerie in the palace and well-built kennels for his favourite dogs. His stables contain magnificent horses, conspicuous among them a superb white charger, a present from the Czar. He has many birds—parrots, pigeons, and some rare specimens presented by the Mikado of Japan.

Stranger still is his love for flowers. His gardens have been well laid out and are kept by many gardeners. Yet this same Nature lover can be guilty of the blackest inhumanity. We read:

Several of the kiosques in Yildiz are set apart as prisons and courts of justice. The Sultan's secretaries usually act as judges, and try the cases of those whom the spies have accused of conspiracy against the throne. The Sultan, hidden behind curtains, often takes part in the proceedings.

Tortures are applied to extract confessions or the denunciation of accomplices. One horrible instrument of torture was invented by the Court jester—a device for pressing and crushing all the most sensitive parts of the body, causing frightful pain, but not death. Another favourite method of torturing a prisoner is to place boiling eggs in his armpits. Deprivation of sleep is a punishment often put in force, with the inevitable result of madness. A hundred other barbarities are commonly practised in Yildiz, ranging from the most refined to the most bestial tortures.

At the end of this article we find a picture of this horror-haunted man when darkness and silence fall on the world out-side the palace walls. With the doors locked by his own hands and the lights ablaze, it is not until the night is far spent that he seeks his bed.

Lulled at last to sleep by the music of the band, the trampling of the guards' feet, and the crooning voice of the reader, the Sultan passes a few moments of unconsciousness, only to wake with a start from a terrifying dream, and hastily to summon some trusty councillor, who will banish the vague terrors that haunt his uneasy mind; or to call his soothsayer to his bedside, to give the interpretation of his dream.

Thus, with fitful slumber, broken by horrible dreams, from which he starts shrieking in terror, the Sultan passes the night watches, until daylight comes again, to bring comfort to the faint heart of the old, sick man of Turkey, whose maxim is "The State I am—and after me the deluge!"

AN exciting hunting incident took place in Brighton. A stag, pursued by huntsmen and hounds turned into the Dyke-road, jumped the railings and stood at bay in a private garden. After a while it again made off, clearing four walls, and came into collision with a horse and cart in the roadway. The horse bolted and dashed into two electric standards, smashing them. The stag turned into the fields westward, and was finally hunted down.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SUICIDE OF SIR H. MACDONALD.

SHOOTS HIMSELF IN PARIS.

SAD END OF A NOTABLE CAREER.

LONDON, MARCH 25.

The sudden departure of Sir Hector Macdonald for an unknown destination prevents ascertaining his intentions.

LATER.

It is officially stated that Sir Hector Macdonald shot himself in an hotel in Paris this afternoon.

LONDON, MARCH 26

Sir Hector Macdonald had been alone in Paris since the 20th instant.

He was noticed yesterday morning sitting on a lounge intently studying the "New York Herald," Paris edition, which contained an announcement of the forthcoming court-martial in Ceylon.

He remained on the lounge deep in thought until between twelve and one. He then went straight to his room where he must have shot himself immediately.

The weapon he used was a Colt's revolver. He fired one bullet through his right temple, killing himself instantly.

His body was discovered by the chambermaid at one o'clock.

LATER.

Sir Hector Macdonald will be buried in Paris. His funeral will be of the simplest character.

PEACE FOR IRELAND.

MR. WYNDHAM'S LAND BILL.

A GENEROUS MEASURE.

RECEIVED WITH FAVOUR.

LONDON, MARCH 25.

Mr. Wyndham in a crowded house introduced the Irish Land Bill. The Bill provides for granting cash advances to tenants to enable them to purchase their own holdings. One hundred millions may be required. The amount will be raised by the creation of a new guaranteed 2¾ per cent. stock unredeemable for thirty years. In addition thereto there will be a free grant of twelve millions.

Mr. Wyndham dwelt upon the magnitude of the present opportunity of bringing peace to Ireland, which, he said, was unexampled and might never return. The alternative was prolonging the tragedy for another 150 years. The administration of the operations under the Bill would be controlled by three estates commissioners, one of whom is Mr. Finucane, Commissioner of Bengal.

Mr. John Redmond cordially welcomed the tone and temper of Mr. Wyndham's scheme. It was, he said, an enormous advance on his predecessor's scheme.

The Bill was read for the first time after speeches approving it had been delivered.

Mr. Coghill was an exception. This was, he said, no time to make further demands on the British tax-payers.

LONDON, MARCH 26.

The Press accords the Irish Land Bill a sympathetic and encouraging reception, but generally reserves judgment in view of the complicated details.

THE INDIAN EXCISE DUTY ON COTTON.

PROPOSED ABOLITION.

Mr. Emmott, M. P., has put down a notice of his intention to ask Lord George Hamilton whether in view of the surplus as shown in the Indian Budget he would consider the advisability of dispensing with the taxes on cotton.

THE "TIMES" ON LORD CURZON'S SPEECH.

The "Times" in a leading article commenting on Lord Curzon's speech concurs with him that Indian affairs must be treated seriously and dispassionately as part of a general national problem. Due weight, says the article, must be given to Lord Curzon's pregnant warning concerning the watchfulness which the international position of India imposes on Indian and British statesmen.

SOUTH AFRICAN CUSTOMS UNION.

LONDON, MARCH 25.

The conclusion of a South African Customs Union by the Bloemfontein Conference has been officially announced. It provides preferential treatment for Great Britain and reciprocation for the colonies.

CASTRO AND VENEZUELA.

RESIGNATION WITHDRAWN.

President Castro has withdrawn his resignation.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

The relief ship Morning has arrived at Lyttelton. She left the Discovery in the Antarctic regions, all being well.

THE WADGAON MURDER CASE.

RAMCHANDER NIMBALKER RETRIED.

JUDGE AND JURY DISAGREE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, MARCH 26.

The case against Ramchanderrao Darkojirao Nimbalker, Inamdar of Wadgaon, who was ordered by the High Court for retrial for the alleged throwing of his servant Rama in the well for searching treasure, concluded before Mr. Lucas, Sessions Judge, and a jury to-day. After hearing arguments the Judge summed up the case, and the jury brought a verdict of not guilty. The Judge did not agree with the jury, and referred the case to the High Court.

THE PLAGUE IN POONA.

The plague is now entirely diminishing from Poona. There were no case or death in the Cantonment since the outbreak began from August last, during which time there were 685 attacks and 415 deaths in the city.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA'S ANNUAL MOVE.

DEPARTURE OF THE VICEROY ON TOUR.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 26.

The whole of the officials of the Government of India are now taking wing.

The Viceroy, Lord Kitchener, and their respective staffs left last night on tour, when the Raja of Sirmur and Mr. Robertson, the last named proceeding home, also went off.

Sir Denzil Ibbetson, Mr. Hewett, and Sir Edmond Elles leave to-day.

THE ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

The increase already announced in the pay of Lieutenant-Colonels of the Army Medical Corps in India is to take effect from the 24th November last, and is to be Rs. 1,150 monthly, selected officers getting a hundred rupees extra.

THE EARTHQUAKES IN ENGLAND.

An "Englishman's" special cablegram, dated London, the 25th instant, states :—

People in the Midlands were scared to-day by earthquake shocks extending from Nottingham to Newcastle-under-Lyme. No loss of life is reported.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CALCUTTA, MARCH 26.

Mr. Priestley, Officiating Director of Traffic on the Railways in India, proceeds on tour in the United Provinces, whence he goes to Bombay and makes over charge to Colonel Wicson, R. E., prior to himself proceeding on eighteen months' leave home.

Mr. Dennys, Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Punjab, has been granted six months' leave. Mr. A. L. Wight officiates.

THE BANK OF BENGAL.

At their meeting to-day the Directors of the Bank of Bengal lowered their rate of demand loans from eight to seven per cent.

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNORSHIP OF BENGAL.

It is stated that owing to the continued ill health it is unlikely that Sir Andrew Fraser, President of the Police Commission, will be able to take up the Lieutenant-Governorship of Bengal in October next, but that there is a likelihood of Mr. Bourdillon, now officiating, being confirmed in the appointment.

UNIVERSITIES' COMMISSION REPORT.

MADRAS SENATE'S RESOLUTIONS.

MADRAS, MARCH 26.

At an adjourned meeting of the Madras University Senate held yesterday evening the Fellows resumed the discussion in Committee of the recommendations of the Universities' Commission regarding the constitution of the Senate. The Senate in Committee adopted the following resolutions by a majority :—(1). If the recommendations contained in the preceding resolutions are accepted by the Government the Senate is of opinion that out of every five Fellows appointed one should be elected by the Graduates, one by the Senate, and three appointed by Government. (2). The Senate approve of the proposal in para 53 of the letter of the Government of India that with regard to the election of Fellows by the graduates the electorate should be composed of (a) graduates of whatever standing who have obtained the highest existing degree in any faculty, (b) graduates of whatever standing who have obtained two degrees, and (c) of graduates of not less than ten years' standing who have obtained only one degree. (3). As regards candidates for election the Senate is of opinion that in the case of election by graduates candidates should be graduates of Madras University of not less than 15 years' standing, but that in the case of election by the Senate no statutory qualification need be prescribed The Senate disapproves of the proposal that Fellowships be tenable for five years only, and is of opinion that Government should have the power of cancelling the appointment of any Fellow for sufficient reasons.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

CALCUTTA, MARCH 26.

Brigadier-General Collins is transferred to the Nerbudda District from the 1st April and Colonels Mason and Woon have been appointed Colonels on the staff.

Second-Lieutenant Harry Barnard Warde, of the Poona Volunteer Rifles, resigned his commission on 16th February.

Major General Macleod will take up his appointment of Lieutenant-General commanding in Burma next month.

NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIL.

SEARCH FOR BOER TREASURE.

HIDDEN MILLIONS AT DELAGOA BAY.

COLOMBO, MARCH 26.

Australian newspapers just received here contain the following telegrams :—

British detectives have gone to Delagoa Bay to search for £4,000,000 worth of Boer gold, supposed to be hidden there.

THE DEFENCE OF THE EMPIRE.

AUSTRALIA'S CONTRIBUTION.

A SENATOR'S VIEWS.

Mr. Alex Matheson, member of the Australian Senate, read a paper on the 10th instant before the Royal Colonial Institute on the subject of Australia and its naval defence.

Mr. Matheson declared that Australia's first duty in connection with Imperial defence was to provide an absolutely secure naval base in the Pacific, leaving offensive action to the British Navy. No local defence, he said, could be efficient without a squadron of sea going cruisers operating in Australian waters for the defence of floating trade, and under Australian control.

Australia, he continued, until she was able to acquire a Navy of her own ought to rent British protected vessels of 3,000 tons, armed with modern quick-firing guns, and costing, say, £150,000 each. The vessels should be manned by Australian crews.

A number of distinguished Admirals and former Governors of Australia took part in the debate that followed the reading of the paper.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

Privilege leave on full pay for one month from the 8th June is granted to the Honourable Sir Lawrence H. Jenkins, K.C.I.E., M.A. (Oxon.), Barrister-at-Law, Chief Justice of His Majesty's High Court of Judicature at Bombay.

The Honourable Mr. Justice E. T. Candy, C.S.I., Barrister-at-Law, I.C.S., acts as Chief Justice of Bombay, during the absence on leave of the Honourable Sir Lawrence H. Jenkins, K.C.I.E., M.A. (Oxon.), Barrister-at-Law.

Captain F. De B. Hancock, Assistant Political Agent, Second Grade, is granted privilege leave for three months, combined with furlough for seven months, from the 1st April.

Captain C. F. Harold, Assistant Political Agent, Second Grade, is granted furlough for six months and twenty-eight days with effect from the 8th December.

The Honourable Mr. G. C. Whitworth, I.C.S., First Grade Judge, is granted privilege leave for three months, to be followed by furlough for four months and twenty-six days, from the 26th March.

Captain H. C. Wooldridge, 9th Bombay Infantry, becomes Cantonment Magistrate at Ahmedabad, in addition to his Military duties, vice Captain P. C. Searle, and is also appointed a Magistrate of the First Class in the Ahmedabad District.

Mr. K. C. Rushton, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Khandesh, is granted privilege leave for three months, to be followed by special leave on urgent private affairs for three months, with effect from the 2nd April.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. Abud, First Assistant Political Resident, Aden, is appointed the District Magistrate of the district of Aden.

Mr. W. W. Smart, I. C. S, becomes Assistant Collector, Sind.

Mr. A. D. Wilkins, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Second Grade, is allowed such privilege leave as may be due to him on the date he avails himself of it, in combination with special leave for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to six months.

Mr. G. R. Duxbury acts as Divisional Forest Officer, Poona, vice Mr. A. D. Wilkins proceeding on leave.

Mr. R. A. Lamb, C. I. E., I. C. S., on special duty, is allowed such privilege leave as may be due to him on the date he avails himself of it in combination with special leave for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to six months.

Mr. H. Crawford has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr. A. W. W. Mackie, I. C. S., passed an examination in Hidustani on 16th March.

Mr. H. M. Judge becomes Second Class Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue vice Mr. E P. Close, deceased. Mr. H. Wadham becomes Third Class Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue vice Mr. Judge.

Mr. G. H. Belcham becomes Fourth Class Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue vice Mr. Wadham.

Mr. W. L. Lake acts as Third Class Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue vice Mr. Wadham. Mr. C. H. T. Beaman acts as Fourth Class Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue vice Mr. Lake.

During the absence on leave of Mr. F. J. A. Hill, Mr. H. G. Bulkley acts as First Class Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue, Mr. C. R. Macnamara acts as Second Class Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue. Mr. G. H. Belcham acts as third Class Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue, and Mr. G. A. Laughton acts as Fourth Class Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue.

Mr. L. J. Mountford, I. C. S., on relief, acts as Collector of Larkana vice Mr. W. H. Lucas, I. C. S., proceeding on leave, pending further orders.

Mr. H. Murray acts as Conservator of Forests vice Mr. W.A. Talbot proceeding on leave, and continues to hold charge of the Sind Circle.

Mr. G. P. Millet acts as First Grade Deputy Conservator of Forests vice Mr. Murray, and holds charge of the Northern Circle during the absence of Mr. Talbot, or pending further orders.

Mr. E. G. Oliver becomes Divisional Forest Officer, Dharwar.

Mr. W. A. Wallinger becomes Divisional Forest Officer, Kolaba.

Mr. W. E. Copleston holds charge of the office of Divisional Forest Officer, N. D., Kanara, in addition to his own duties, vice Mr. Millet.

Mr. G. M. Ryan holds charge of the office of Divisional Forest Officer, North Thana, in addition to his own duties, vice Mr. G. E. Marjoribanks proceeding on leave.

The Conservator of Forests, Central Circle, holds charge of the Working Plans Office, Central Circle, vice Mr. J. Dodgson, proceeding on leave.

Mr. J. D. Maitland-Kirwan is attached to the office of the Conservator of Forests, Central Circle.

Mr. A. W. Varley, I. C. S., has been allowed an extension of furlough on medical certificate for six months, of which the last month and eight days will be extraordinary leave without pay.

The Reverend J. Henderson, M. A., Presidency Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, is granted privilege leave for three months, in combination with furlough for one year and nine months, with effect from the 26th March.

The Reverend J. Cameron acts as Presidency Senior Chaplain, Church of Scotland, during the absence of the Reverend Mr. Henderson.

Captain H. M. Moore, I. M. S., acts as Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacy, Grant Medical College, vice Captain T. Jackson, M. B., B. S., I. M. S., pending further orders.

Major T. E. Dyson, M. B., C. M., I. M. S., acts as Professor of Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery, Grant Medical College, during the absence of Major H. Herbert, F. R. C. S., I. M. S.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. P. Carson, M. B., I. M. S., is granted privilege leave of absence for three months, in combination with furlough for five months and thirteen days, with effect from the 1st May.

Lieutenant-Colonel O. H. Channer, M. B., C. M., (Edin.), D.P.H., I. M. S., carries on the duties of Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, Central Registration District, in addition to his own duties as Sanitary Commissioner, pending further orders.

Major T. E. Dyson, M.B., C.M., I. M. S., acts as Opthalmic Surgeon, J. J. Hospital, during the absence of Major H. Herbert, F.R.C.S., I.M.S.

Captain H. Bennett, M.B., I. M. S, holds charge of the office of Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, Gujarat Registration District, in addition to his own duties as Civil Surgeon, Surat, pending further orders.

Mr. C. Walke, Inspector of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers, acts as Senior Inspector of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers, in addition to his own duties, with effect from the 21st January.

Captain F. H. G. Hutchinson, M.B., I. M. S., acts as Civil Surgeon, Belgaum, in addition to his own duties, during the absence of Lieutenant-Colonel W. P. Carson, M. B., I. M. S.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. Owen, late 21st Empress of India Lancers, Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, has been granted leave out of India on private affairs for eight months, with effect from the 4th April.

Captain the Honourable C. B. F. Greville, 7th (The Queen's Own) Hussars, acts as Military Secretary to His Excellency during the absence of Lieutenant-Colonel Owen.

Mr. H. D. Rendall, B.A. (Cantab.), I. C. S., acts as Under Secretary to Government, Political, Judicial and Legislative Departments vice Mr. A. S. A. Westropp, I. C. S.

The services of Captain W. V. Scudamore, R. E., Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade, are placed at the disposal of the Educational Department for employment as Principal and Professor of Civil Engineering College of Science, Poona, vice Mr. F. L. Sprott, who reverts to the Public Works Department.

On return from furlough Mr. G. McC. Harrison, Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, is posted to the Dharwar District vice Mr. D. George Assoc. M. Inst. C. E., Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, appointed to act as Superintending Engineer, Southern Division.

Mr. R. R. Menneer, Assoc M. Inst. C. E., Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, is transferred from the Nasik to the Poona District vice Mr. H. V. M. Phelips, Assoc. M. Inst C. E., Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, permitted to retire from the service.

Mr. A. Hill, C. I. E., F. C. H., A. M. I. C. E., Executive Engineer, 1st Grade at present attached to the Public Works Department, Secretariat, is posted to the Nasik District vice Mr. Menneer.

Mr. R. M. MacFarlaine, L. C. E., Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, is appointed to act as Executive Engineer, Ratnagiri and Kolaba District as a temporary measure.

Mr. F. G. Heaven, officiating Government Examiner of Railway Accounts, Bombay, is appointed Examiner of Public Works Accounts, United Provinces.

Mr. W. Ogden, officiating Deputy Accountant General and Under Secretary to the Government of India in the Public Works Department, is reappointed Government Examiner of Railway Accounts, Bombay, and will also officiate as Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Bombay, during the absence of Mr. Hutchinson on privilege leave.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

THE RECENT FIRE AT FRERE RECLAMATION.

INSUFFICIENT WATER SUPPLY.

AT a meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay, held on the 17th instant, a letter was read from the Traffic Manager, reporting that a disastrous hay fire took place on 6th March at the Frere Reclamation causing damage to hay and hay boats to the extent of about Rs. 1,82,000. As the fire started at the summit of the stacks, the Trustees fire service could not be put to much use, and even when several Municipal fire-engines came up very little could be done, as there was a want of pressure in the pipes. The tide was out at the time, and the flames spread to 25 hay boats which were lying on the mud alongside the wharves, and entirely destroyed them. Details of the damage are as follows :—37 stacks of hay belonging to different merchants valued at Rs. 1,20,000. Loose hay Rs. 50,000 25 hay boats Rs. 10,00; and hay in hay boats Rs. 2,000, Total Rs. 1,82,000.

The Chairman mentioned in connection with the want of water pressure in the fire service pipes, that on the 26th February 1896 the Municipal Commissioner was addressed in regard to the laying of water mains, and it was requested that he would urge on the attention of the Corporation the necessity for the early sanction to the scheme for improving the water-supply to the Frere Land District, and in particular to the laying of the 32-inch main from the Parel Road to the Kala Chowki as a means of protecting the Hay Depot from fire: it was explained at the time that the Trustees on their part were prepared to lay the necessary fire service branches as soon as the main was laid. On 29th July 1896 the Chairman (Mr. Barke) informed the Board that on the 2nd July the Corporation had sanctioned the laying of certain mains in the Tank Bunder District, including the 32 inch main to the Kala Chowki and the scheme for the Trustees' fire service was accordingly sanctioned and carried out at a cost of Rs. 18,890, plus Rs. 1,009 per annum working expenses which was provided by enhancing the charges on the grass trade. It now appeared that the Municipality had not carried out the work of laying the large mains in Kala Chowki and Sewree Roads, and the Trustees' 9 inch fire main is connected with the old 3 inch Municipal main in Sewree Road, which would account for the want of pressure.

The Board resolved that the Municipal Commissioner should be addressed on the subject, pointing out the urgent necessity of increasing the size of the water mains in this district as sanctioned by the Corporation in 1896.

PILOTAGE STATEMENT.

	For week ending 13th Mar. 1903.	Total from 1st April 1902 to 13th Mar. 1903.	For week ending 13th Mar. 1902.	Total from 1st April 1901 to 13th Mar. 1902.
Vessels piloted into harbour	22	993	29	972
Do out of	20	977	14	958
Do transported	16	745	23	672
Do attended to..........	3	65	..	58
Do warped	2	52	..	35

ALLEGED DACOITY AND MURDER.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Crowe and the Hon. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar, presiding at the High Court on Wednesday, heard an appeal in the case of Imperator against Chima walad Sayajee and two others. The three appellants and six others were tried before Mr L. Crump, Sessions Judge of Nasik, in November last, the first eight for dacoity and murder, and the ninth for receiving stolen property. The first two, who were convicted of dacoity, were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for five years each, and the third to one year's rigorous imprisonment, the rest being acquitted and discharged. Mr. V. V. Ranade appeared for the accused, and the Government Pleader for the Crown.

The case for the prosecution was shortly this. On the 30th August, two Wadaris, Kashiram and Chimnya, came from Wadner to Wadali and encamped there. Kashiram, whose father's "shradh" was to be celebrated, invited some relations, and they came to Wadali and pitched their tents close to those of Kashiram and Chimnya; and the whole party went to sleep. About midnight, a party of dacoits attacked their huts, overturning two of them, and after beating the inmates, carried off Rs 800 in cash, certain ornaments, and also some silver idols. In the affray, a boy named Gotya, aged about eight years, received a blow on the head which fractured his skull and caused almost instantaneous death. After laying hands on the property, the dacoits made off. They were pursued, and accused No. 1 was caught. By this time the whole village was aroused, and No. 1 was taken to the chavdi and detained there. The head constable set out and searched the houses of some of the accused, but found nothing. Accused No 1 then made a full confession before a magistrate; and the other accused were arrested. No. 2, who was the father of No 1, and accused No 9 produced silver ornaments and cash, amounting in the aggregate to Rs 402. For the defence it was alleged that this case was a got-up one. Considering the evidence as a whole, Mr Crump found it impossible to believe that no dacoity took place. Allowing for any pre-existing enmity, it was very difficult for him to believe the story told by accused No 1. Apart from the confession of accused No 1, Mr Crump thought there was ample evidence of the commissions of the dacoity. How the boy Gotya was killed, Mr Crump said, could not be gathered from the evidence. It was impossible to say that murder was committed. The offence took place on a pitchy dark night, and in Mr Crump's opinions, the boy was probably accidentally struck in the darkness. Six of the accused were acquitted and discharged; while the remaining three, the appellants, were convicted and sentenced as mentioned above.

Their lordships, on a consideration of the evidence and the arguments of the pleaders, dismissed the appeal.

NEW JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

THE following is a list of new Justices of the Peace within the limits of the town of Bombay :—

Mr. J. Adam.
Mr. Alexander Fairlie Bruce, M. I. C. E.
Dr. C. A. Cayley, M. D.
Major M. A. T. Collie, M. B.
Mr. Dadabhai Merwanjee Dalal.
Honorary Captain Charles Easdon.
The Hon. Mr. E. M. H. Fulton.
Mr. Donald Graham.
Mr. M. M. S. Gubbay.
Commander C. W. R. Hooper.
Mr. W. P. Johnson.
Mr. R. P. Lambert.
Mr. Mahomed Ali Jinnah.
Captain James Haldane McDonald, M.B., I. M. S.
Mr. Nanabhai Ardasir Framjee Moos.
Mr. Nasarvanjee Hormusjee Choksi, M. D.
Mr. Francis Sutton Punnett.
Mr. Purshotamdas Visbram Maoji.
Mr. H. D. Rendall.
Mr. H. Richardson.
Mr. Charles Bradshaw Robinson.
Mr. Rustom Pestonjee Jehangir
Mr. S. J. Sarjant
Mr. H. O. B. Shoubridge
Mr. Sarikrishna Gunaji Velinkar
Dr. Sorab Cowasjee Hormusjee, M. D.
Mr. Teju Kaya
Mr. W. Venis.
Mr. W. H. J. Wilkinson.

ARRIVAL OF R. I. M. S. ELPHINSTONE.

THE Royal Indian Marine steamer Elphinstone, Commander D. H. Gibsone, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi, which port she left on the 24th instant. She brought the following passengers :—Mrs. Fletcher, Miss Watson, Mr. R. M. Poldar, and one deck.

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

THE adjourned meeting of the Bombay Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Council Hall, Mr. Muljee B. Barbhaya presiding.

ACCURACY OF MINUTES

When the President was about to sign the minutes of the previous meeting, with the permission of the members, Dr. Sukhia rose and drew the attention of the President to Section 36 (0) of the Municipal Act, which stated that the minute of the names of the councillors present and of the proceedings at every meeting should, on the day following the meeting or as soon thereafter as might be, be drawn up and fairly entered for that purpose by the Secretary. This, Dr. Sukhia said, rendered it incumbent upon the Secretary to draw up and enter such minutes in his own handwriting. But when he looked through the minutes he found that they had not been entered by the Secretary himself. The speaker contended that so long as the minutes of the last meeting were not entered by the Secretary in his own handwriting, they should not be taken as correctly and fairly entered, and that the President could not therefore sign them.

The President said all that he was required to see under the provisions of the Act was whether there was any inaccuracy or error in the minutes to which members could draw his attention. The question raised by Dr. Sukhia was purely a legal one, which was not in his province to settle one way or the other. As long as the minutes were fairly and correctly entered and no objection raised to their accuracy, he would sign them.

The President then signed the minutes.

PROJECTION IN STREETS.

In accordance with a notice of motion, Dr. N. N. Katrak proposed that the Municipal Commissioner be requested to consider the advisability of enforcing with greater stringency Sections 299 and 308 of the Bombay Municipal Act of 1888 in cases of narrow streets with heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic, more particularly in Abdul Rehman Street, which, in addition, is traversed by the tram line. He said that the street in question was so congested that even an addition of a few inches to it would be welcomed by the public. At present there were a number of projections abutting in the street, in the shape of verandahs, boards, and benches which ought to be removed for the convenience of traffic and pedestrians.

Rao Bahadur Dhakji Kashinathji seconded the proposition, which was carried.

PAGADI SYSTEM IN MARKETS.

Dr. Sukhia moved that, in view of the Bye-laws re Markets and the restrictions and conditions imposed upon the shop and stall-holders by the license granted to them under Section 401, the Corporation are of opinion that it is quite illegal to have the pagadi system allowed, and any more continued by the Commissioner with or without the approval of the Standing Committee, and if he were in doubt as to its illegality, he be requested to obtain counsel's opinion thereon and submit it to the Corporation.

Mr K N Kabrajee moved an amendment to the effect that the matter be referred back to the Standing Committee, with a request that they might, if they thought it fit, obtain counsel's opinion on the same.

The amendment was adopted.

ACCESS TO MUNICIPAL RECORDS.

Dr. N. H. E. Sukhia next moved "That the Municipal Secretary be hereby authorized and directed to allow members to have reasonable access to the records, papers, proceedings, documents, &c., of the Corporation which are in the custody of the Municipal Secretary, as it is absolutely necessary for the efficient discharge of their duties."

Mr Vithaldas Damoder was opposed to the motion, the adoption of which, he said, would not in any way benefit the Corporation. The resolution, if carried, would entitle each and every member to demand inspection of documents even of confidential nature in possession of committees appointed by the Corporation. He thought it would be prejudicial to the interests of the Corporation if each confidential document was divulged to members.

Mr. E H Aitken observed that there was a great danger in allowing certain papers to be divulged to members, and especially to those who wrote to newspapers. Dr Sukhia himself brought forward resolutions some time ago complaining of the conduct of some of the members, who were said to have been communicating information of what took place at the committees, to the press. Dr. Sukhia then made the most of what he called the moral obliquity of members who were engaged in that practice. If there were such members in the Corporation it would be dangerous to allow them right of inspecting confidential papers.

Mr. Kabrajee said that members ought not to be allowed to obtain documents by mandate from the Secretary, who was very courteous to each and every member.

Mr. Kazi Kabirudin moved an amendment to the effect that the Secretary be authorized to allow members to have reasonable access to the records of the Corporation which were in the custody of that officer, barring those documents which were before particular committees which had not finished their reports, as it was absolutely necessary for the efficient discharge of their duties.

Mr. Aitken opposed the amendment also. He said the Secretary should have no authority to show any papers to anyone.

Mr. Baptista thought the proposition was superfluous.

Mr. James Macdonald said as far as he knew the Secretary had never refused reasonable access to municipal papers, and as no case had been made out to the contrary there was no necessity for passing such a resolution.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola said that there was a file of secret papers in the possession of the Standing Committee, in which matters connected with the raising of loans, the lending of money, filing of suits, and such other matters were embodied, and it would be detrimental to the interests of the Corporation if all those matters were open to such a large body as the Corporation.

Mr. Dinshaw Wacha remarked that he was one of those who advocated publicity, but publicity should be accompanied by judicious discrimination. There were questions which, for the sake of policy, should be kept secret, and therefore what he wanted to impress upon the minds of the members was that judicious discrimination should always be exercised in matters of those kinds. He was opposed to both the proposition and the amendment.

On a division both the proposition and the amendment were lost

The Corporation then adjourned till 2-30 p. m. on Monday next

THE NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LD.

THE local Manager of the National Bank of India, Limited, has received a telegram from the Head Office in London stating that the net profit for the year is £160,000, a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum is declared, and the following allocations made:—Reserve Fund, £25,000 ; Pension Fund, £2,500 ; House Property account £10,000; carried forward to next account, £47,500.

THE CHARTERED BANK.

THE Bombay Agent of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China has received a telegram from the London office stating that at the approaching meeting of the shareholders of the Bank the directors will recommend a dividend for the past half-year at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, free of income tax, and a bonus of 15 per cent. to the Office establishment. £75,000 is proposed to be carried to Reserve Fund, and £47,500 carried forward as undivided profit.

BY the departure of Colonel J. G. Fullerton, the Baluchistan Commission is losing its oldest officer, and Quetta its oldest resident. He came from Dacca, writes a correspondent, in the early days of Sir Robert Sandeman, and was for many years Civil Surgeon of Quetta, afterwards becoming Chief Administrative Medical Officer of Baluchistan. He was in Kandahar at the time of the Afghan war, and his twenty-five years' residence in Baluchistan must have brought him into contact with most of the officers of the Bombay Army, as each regiment is sent for a tour of service to the Quetta district. It is probable that Colonel Fullerton will not return to India on leaving Quetta. He is an excellent example of the healthiness of the climate for those with strong constitutions, for he is still hale and hearty and looks "brimful" of health. He was a well-known polo player, and formed one of the famous Doctors' team that was so successful during the eighties, and is mentioned by "Stone clink" in his book "The Game of Polo". As Civil Surgeon he was never known to take a fee from those in poor circumstances. Quetta will find it difficult to replace this kind and genial personality in the affections of his friends who found that the more they knew him the more they liked him.

EUROPEAN NOTES.

GOSSIP FROM ROME.

A EUROPEAN TRADE COMBINATION.

KUBELIK'S LOVE STORY.

PARIS, MARCH 6.

If Leo XIII. is not now ruler in Rome, he, at least, succeeds in claiming and retaining the attention of all who come to the Eternal City. Is he ill or is he not ill becomes the burning question every now and then, and has, so far, always proved to be merely a cold, or a false alarm. It has often been said that his Holiness has fainting fits, but nothing could be further from the truth ; he is too abstenious for that. In fact, he has little appetite, and has now become so used to eating soft food which requires no mastication that when it was proposed to him to have false teeth—as he has not a tooth left—his doctor vetoed the proposal absolutely, saying that he would naturally eat heavier food, and thus upset his digestion. Marvellous facts about the Pope are his eyesight and memory. He has never used glasses of any kind, and not only reads the large print of religious books, but also the badly printed Italian newspapers, which require the best of eyes. As to his writing, there is little to be said ; for years he has not written a word but his own signature, and that is so shaky as to be almost illegible. Many tales are told of his memory showing that he not only remembers events of long ago, as do many old people, but the little details of every day life, which escape even younger persons. For instance, the other day he received a foreign cardinal who had come for his visit "ad limina," and who on leaving asked the papal benediction for his servant, John, also. "What !" exclaimed Leo XIII., "have you changed ? I thought his name was Louis." "So it is, your Holiness," was the reply; "but he is ill and I have brought another with me."

All is not gold that glitters, in the same way that all is not unworldliness that should be. There is one indispensable feature of all papal functions which good Catholics much deplore, and which causes scandal to unbeliever. This is the sale of tickets for any great ceremony at which the Pope appears. While cardinals and their friends, to say nothing of lesser lights, must put up with a limited—very limited—number of tickets for tribunes, rich heretics staying at the large hotels can have all they desire—for a consideration. The "consideration" varies according to the hotel, and the appearance and apparent means of the buyer. But certainly he who can pay can have. Thus a person not a Catholic at all can see the Holy Father, while one who may be the most fervid of the Faithful, and even the friend of a cardinal, must be contented at most with a standing place among the other 50,000 assembled. The explanation given for what is a standing scandal is that the servants at the Vatican have a certain number of tickets, and that they try to make a small profit by selling them to the hotel porters. This may explain the common tickets which admit to standing room, but what servant would have the precious tickets for the very restricted number of tribunes, where there are chairs, and which can contain, at most, 1,000 people ? The division of tickets seems most unjust, setting the scandal aside. For instance, last year those who, as heads of institutions, had 400 tickets had this year only 100.

Of all the cardinals present at the Conclave which elected Leo XIII there is now only one left, his Eminence Cardinal Oreglia di Santo Stefano, who was, and is, one of the present Pontiff's most determined opponents. Oreglia was himself a candidate for the papacy, and besides a personal antipathy to Leo XIII. always shown, seems to have never forgiven him for having been successful. Even so lately as a few weeks ago, the "doyen" of the Sacred College insisted on making remarks upon Christian Socialism in direct opposition to the expressed wish of the Pontiff. However, Leo XIII refuses to take any notice, and, in fact, tries to make things better. One day a prelate was entrusted by the Pope to take some important papers to Cardinal Oreglia. The messenger begged to be let off, saying, "Whenever I go there I have to listen to such a litany of complaints about the mismanagement of the Church ; and it upsets me." "But no ! but no ?" exclaimed Leo XIII "go, go. Is it not better that it should be always the same person to hear ill of me ?" On another occasion some prelates were wondering why Leo XIII should have given so high a position as Chamberlain of the Holy Church to Cardinal Oreglia. "It is not difficult to understand," said one, "The Popes always fear that they will be prepared for burial before they are really dead. Leo XIII. has obviated this by making Oreglia Chamberlain, knowing that when the Chamberlain comes to give him the traditional three taps on the head with the silver hammer to establish the death, they will be so hard that he will revive if not absolutely dead." This may not be true, but it shows the relations between the two as judged by outsiders.

The City of Milan is taking considerable interest in her International Exposition of means of Locomotion, which is to be held in 1905 to celebrate the opening of the great Simplon Tunnel. All things wonderful and curious which bear on the subject will be gathered there, and among them a railway carriage quite unique in the world. In 1868 the railway from Rome to Naples was opened and was considered so wonderful a thing for the slow-going Papal States that it was felt that some particular honour must be paid the occasion. So Pius IX. had a carriage made for himself and suite, in which he went on the new railway to Naples. It was divided into three compartments, the throne-room, a room for the Noble Guard, and a sleeping apartment for his Holiness. The throne-room was built with a cupola, adorned with the Papal arms and very fine pictures of the Twelve Apostles. The rich throne is so disposed that one sitting on it can be seen from outside, so that Pius IX. could give the benediction when stopping at the different stations. At each side of the throne are pictures by Jerome representing the blessing of a railway and a harbour. On a table is stamped a fac-simile of the bull which promulgated the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. The guards' room is very simple, and one feels that they must have suffered during what was then the long journey between Rome and Naples. The sleeping apartment was subdivided into three : bathroom bedroom, and dressing-room. The walls were hung in white and yellow striped stuff, and the woodwork was painted in white and gold. The bed, roomy and soft-looking, was of ebony and ivory, and of rich workmanship, as was also the dressing table. Thus travelled a Pope thirty-five years ago.

The first practical step towards the organisation of a European combination against American competition has now been taken. One of the prime movers in the agitation is the eminent German economist, Professor Julius Wolff who contributes a preliminary article on this epoch-making development to this evening's "Neue Freie Presse," which will publish further accounts of the movement by another prominent German publicist, Herr Arthur Kirchhoff. The latter is organising an international bureau to conduct an active propaganda. From a perusal of the proof sheets of these articles and from additional information given by the leaders of the movement one is enabled to give complete details. For two years Professor Wolff has been organising the Central European Industrial League, composed of German and Austrian politicians and industrial leaders. The promoters of the league start from the standpoint that a European Customs commercial union is impracticable, and instead of a zollverein they advocate the creation of international trusts, whereby the Central European industries could be efficiently organised under centralised administration. It is suggested, for instance, that a start could be made with a trust comprising the entire Austro-German textile industry. This would be followed by a trust embracing the Austro-German paper industry and the process might be cautiously extended to other industries were international combination is practicable. Professor Wolff states that many supporters of the movement regard the Central European industrial combinations as preliminary to pan-European combinations. The promoters of the movement do not intend to emphasise this aspect desiring to remain for the present within strictly practicable limits. Among those who have signified their adherence to the movement are Count Kanitz, Prince Hatzfeld, Herr Hammacher, and Herr Reichensperger—who are the leading men of the three greatest parties in the German Reichstag, the Conservatives, the National Liberals, and the Catholic Centre—and the Prussian Minister of Commerce, Herr Moeller, who says as Prussia has brought about the German Zollverein, so Germany must initiate the industrial combination in Central Europe.

Kubelik, the famous violinist, is engaged to be married to the Countess Czaky, of Hungary, a near relative of the Hungarian Premier, Herr von Szell. The story of the betrothal is romantic in the extreme. When performing at Debreczin, Hungary, three years ago, the countess, who was among the audience, fell violently in love with the virtuose. Next night Kubelik was a guest at the house of her father, Herr Wolfgang von Szell, lord-lieutenant of the county. Kubelik was then nineteen years of age, and the countess, who had been a widow for a year was twenty-one. The countess is a typical Hungarian beauty, tall, with full figure, large black eyes, and tresses of chestnut brown hair. Kubelik with youthful ardour, is said to have declared his love to the countess after ten minutes' conversation, and there and then they concluded a secret engagement. From that day till Friday last the lovers did not meet, but corresponded daily. The countess refused many brilliant matches to wait till union with the violinist was possible, her relatives in the meantime doing their utmost to dissuade her. Her patience and determination, however, overcame their objections, and and she telegraphed to Kubelik, who came to Vienna for the formal betrothal, which took place in the presence of the countess' father, who stipulates that a year shall elapse before the wedding takes place. When the betrothal occurred Kubelik and the countess had not been in each other's company altogether for an hour. Kubelik intends to erect a palatial residence in Vienna, where he will live with the countess during the intervals of his tours, on which she will accompany him.

Leo Tolstoy's opinion on the subject of the flight of the Princess Louise of Tuscany, then Crown Princess of Saxony, having been published, Tolstoy has written another letter, which has been forwarded to the home papers by M. Tchertkoff, the Count's literary representative. Tolstoy now writes: Dear Friend.—About a week ago I received from a certain Mr. Michel A. Morrison from Berlin a letter, a copy of which I enclose. I was in a bad frame of mind, weak, and therefore dictated to my daughter an answer, a copy of which I am also sending you. I intended to re-read and correct that letter, but it was sent off, and since then I keep continually recalling to mind what I had written in it, and am troubled by the thought that I have acted very wrongly in writing it; and that it may quite unwarrantably offend the woman of whom I wrote. Should that unkind letter be published (which may always happen), then please translate this one of mine to you and publish it in the papers. I very much regret what I thoughtlessly expressed in that letter. I know all the malignity and power of the snare into which the unfortunate woman has fallen: I know the temporary blindness and forgetfulness of all the higher demands of the soul which it produces, and therefore, being myself full of sins, I cannot even think of throwing a stone at a suffering woman. Should my previous letter be published and fall under the eyes of the Princess, I beg her pardon for my cruel and thoughtless words. Not only do I not condemn her, but from all my soul I feel for her in her sufferings, and wish her liberation from the allurement which has taken possession of her, and that peace which is always possible for the one who believes in God and appeals to Him. And, so if you wish to do me good by soothing, if but a little, my conscience, and if you agree that this letter may somewhat palliate my fault, then please fulfil my request.—Yours, Leo Tolstoy.

Advices from Abo (Finland) give some interesting particulars of the latest phases in the process of Russification. On Saturday the last remaining members of the Abo High Court of Justice tendered their resignations, with the exception of the Actuary, M. Westurland, and the Registrar, M. Alanen, who are friendly to the Government, and of MM. Whilebrand and Randell, Clerks of the Court, who happened for the moment to be absent. Furthermore, fifteen out of the sixteen extraordinary members of the Court asked to be relieved of their functions. In disregard of the orders of the Russian authorities, the Court at Abo decided to proceed with the actions instituted by private parties against General Kaigorodoff, the Governor of Nailand, on whom it devolved to enforce the instructions of the Russian Government during the disturbances at Helsingfords last spring. The hearing of the first of these actions was fixed for Thursday last, but the police occupied the steps of the Town Hall and prevented the plaintiffs and witnesses from entering the Court. The proceedings had, therefore, to be adjourned. On Friday there was to have been an examination of witnesses in another action, but as before, a force of police took possession of the Town Hall, and immediately after the Judges had taken their seats, the Police Commissioner stated that he had received orders to refuse admittance to the parties litigating on either side. The Court thereupon placed on record the declaration of the Commissioner, and decided to lodge a protest with the Supreme Court.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COLONEL E. F. NICHOLSON, A. D. C., COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 27th March.

1. The Annual Inspection of the Corps will take place on Saturday next the 28th instant. Fall in at the Gymkhana end of the Parade Ground at 4-15 p.m.

Dress—Review Order, Khaki, Helmet ornaments to be worn. No Putties.

(2) Every member who is not on leave is required by the Volunteer regulations to be present or to furnish a medical certificate. Leave will only be granted for good cause shown.

(3) Rifles, &c., brought to Head-Quarters by Members will be cleaned and re-issued to them within a few minutes after receipt.

(4) The Commanding Officer trusts that Officers Commanding Companies will endeavour to get every available member of their Company to attend this parade.

(5) The Non-Commissioned Officers and Volunteers must be warned that they must have their Arms, Accoutrements, Buttons and Helmet fittings well cleaned for this parade.

(6) Ammunition boots must be worn by all members (except Officers and Cyclists). Those who have not yet drawn boots can obtain them on application at Head Quarters.

(7) As the Arms, &c., will be returned to the Armoury after the Inspection, Members are requested to bring their Jags and Sight-Protectors in their Pouches to this parade. Arrangements regarding re-issue of Rifles will be made for members who may not have completed their Class Firing by the 28th instant.

Cadets will be conveyed in Special Tram Cars as follows:—

St Mary's College—Two double and one single cars to leave Victoria Gardens at 3-30 p.m.

Byculla School—One double and one single cars to leave Victoria Gardens at 3-30 p.m.

2. Candidates for Proficiency Class Certificates will parade at 6-30 a.m. on Saturday next, the 28th instant, at the Cruickshank Road end of the Maidan.

Dress—Drill Order, Khaki.

3. Members who have not yet received their Bayonets can now do so on application to Head-Quarters.

4. The Range is open daily for Class Firing. Volunteers are reminded that to qualify as an extra efficient a man must fire the 2nd period that is at 600, 700 and 800 yards. An aggregate score of 150 points in 1st and 2nd periods qualifies a man as a marksman. The Commandant hopes every Volunteer will endeavour to make himself a marksman.

5. Targets will be ready from 7 to 8 a.m. to-day (Friday) the 27th instant, at the Revolver Range of the 21st Bombay Infantry (Marine Lines). All Officers who have not completed their Revolver Course are requested to attend.

6. "E" Company (Cyclist) will parade at the Sir Richard Temple's Statue at 5-15 p.m. to-day (Friday) the 27th instant, Dress—Plain Clothes without Arms.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 27th March.

1. The Squad and Guard Mounting Competition will take place to-morrow (Saturday) the 28th instant, at 4-15 p.m.

Dress—Drill order with arms. Putties to be worn.

2. There will be Class Firing at Cooria daily. Members who have not fired their class are requested to do so before the 31st instant.

By Order,
G. STODDART, Capt., R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

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ALLEGED CHEATING.

AT the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Hayim Reuben, of Messrs. Hayim and David, of Bank Street, Bombay, appeared to answer a charge of cheating in respect of goods valued at Rs. 1,327 preferred against him by Mr. Manekjee Khershedjee, constituted attorney of Sayed Abdul Gafur Ahmed, gold and silver embroiderer, doing business in Mount Road, Madras. Mr. S. B. Kapadia, pleader, appeared for the complainant, and Mr. De Souza, pleader, defended the accused.

The complainant said that the goods were supplied to the accused in September, 1901. From advertisements and from the correspondence with the accused, he had come to know that the accused was a great merchant doing extensive business in India and Europe. At this he supplied him goods on credit, and sent him a hundi payable 90 days after sight. The National Bank of India gave him information that the accused did not pay the hundi upon which he came to Bombay in February, 1902, and got the hundi back after the due date had expired. In Bombay he saw Mr. Manekjee Khurshedjee and in his company went to find out the office of Hayim and David, but could not find it. Eventually he got some information from the National Bank from which he was enabled to find out the office room of the accused. He went into the Kavasjee Patel Street to find out the carpet manufactory but could find none whatever. He then returned to Madras leaving with Mr. Manekjee all the correspondence he had with the accused. He also gave power of attorney to Mr. Manekjee to act on his behalf. In Madras he got certain information upon which he sent the hundi to London through the National Bank of India, and authorized one Kanjimull in London to receive the payment. But the money was not paid in London also, and after the due date had expired the hundi was returned to him unpaid.

The accused stated in his defence that he received the price list from Sayed Abdul Gafur, and these came to know that they were the manufacturers of embroideries. He wrote to them for samples saleable in the English markets. They sent him some which he showed to two business friends who were exporting similar goods to London. They told him that such goods were readily saleable in London, and that if he would export the goods he would get good profit on them. Thereupon he asked Sayed Abdul Gafur to open business with him, and asked him to make shippings direct from Madras. As the shippings were to be made direct from Madras, he asked for a sum of Rs. 2,000 to be deposited with his firm or with his bankers to ensure proper execution of the orders. Other firms had deposited amounts with him in the same manner. They refused to deposit the amount. Thereupon he asked them to supply goods at 90 days' credit because his practice and the arrangement with the London agents was to draw on them up to £500 at 90 days after sight. The complainant agreed to that and in due course they forwarded two cases of embroideries and drew on him a bill at 90 days after sight, which he accepted. He shipped the two cases to London and drew bill for £105 through the National Bank of India on Messrs Haines and Company at 90 days after sight. Messrs Haines and Company accepted the bill, but after arrival of the goods refused payment unless he would remit them £50. He remitted £20 to them through the National Bank of India. Haines and Company withdrew the credit which they had sent in his favour, so he could not negotiate bills with them. He was unable to meet the complainants' hundi which fell due on the 19th December, 1901. The only course left for him was to ask Sayed Abdul Gafur to give him further time, He thought that after his going to England the goods would be sold, and he could remit the amount. After he left London, Haines and Company sold the goods, but on the whole invoice there was a loss of £130. His firm had an agency in Bombay for the Ahmedabad Carpet Manufacturing Trading and Agency Company, Limited. That company went into liquidation, and one of the directors told him that if a new company were started he would get all the shares taken up, and suggested that a notice be inserted in Thacker's Directory. The registered office address was inserted by a clerical error. He had published the advertisement in Thacker's Directory page 56. He had been exporting carpets, seeds, and wheat for some years. He saw the complainant a fortnight after his arrival from London, and told him that in view of heavy losses suffered by him he was unable to pay him. The complainant said that he was going to Delhi and would sue him for the amount after his return.

Further inquiry was adjourned.

HIGH COURT.—MARCH 27.

Before the Hon'ble the CHIEF JUSTICE and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice BATTY.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Cause.

113-03—Craigie L and O—Hari Pandurang and another vs The Secretary of State for India in Council and another—E F Nicholson and Crawford B and Co.

Appeals for hearing and final disposal.

1237—Bhaishanker K and G—Sheshadre D Iyer vs P J Padsha and another—Ardeshir H D and Co.
1233—Crawford B and Co—Dobson and Barlow Ld vs Reginald Murray—Thakurdas and Co.
1227—Unwalla and P—Ranchordas Tribhowandas Mody vs S Cursondas Vullubhdas—Edgelow G and W.
1235—Bhaishanker K and G—Ramjee Govindjee vs Bhagbai widow and another—Tyabjee D and Co.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. TYABJI.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Cause.

93-03—Crawford B and Co—Hassumbhoy Visram and others vs Koraji Jivraj and another—Mansooklal D and J. Part heard.

Commercial Causes

46-03—Crawford B and Co—Peter Harrower vs Ernest Gladevyn Demden—Nanu and H.

Long Causes.

115-02—Crawford B and Co—N C Macleod vs Lakhmsey Napoo and others—Malvi H and M.
463-02—Ardeshir H D and Co—Kursandas Mathooradas and others vs Chatoorbhooj Khimji—Sorabji and J.
525-02—F P Pavri—Mahomed Hoosum Bin Shaik Ahamed Makba vs Mahomed Ismail Makba and others.
80-01—Smetham B and N—Bhowram Raghoba and others vs Narayen Bhowram Deshmook and another—Bicknell M and M.
270-01—Ardeshir H D and Co Harichand Sunderlal vs Goswami Shri Nursinglalee Mansuklal J and S
40-0—Tyabjee D and Co—Tarachund Lukmandas vs Jamnadas Hurdayal and others—Payne G S and M.
796-01—Little and Co Perozsha Rustomjee Khamballa vs Dhunjeeshaw S rostwalla Jamsetjee and H
389-90—Mantri B and B Wass Petrk vs Satya Ahamabai widow Captain V
19-01—Matubhai J and M K Nonsey vs A M Nonsey and others Payne G S and others.
210-02—Mathowji V Harilal Jamnadas and others vs Hargovandas Juggivandas and others Matubhai J and M
490-01—Wadia and G—Hirjee Bhograj vs Rowjee Rughunath and others—M B and Nadirshaw.
194-02—Craigie L and O—Sirdar Gurmukh Singh and others vs Messrs William Watson and Co and others—Smetham B and N.
626-02—Rustomjee P Mehta—Gunput Gyanoo vs Bhimjee Radhajee alias Amirbux—D D Romer.

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice RUSSELL.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Testamentary Suit.

8-03—Mansuklal J and H Bai Gangabai widow and others vs Bhagwandas Waljee—Dikshit and D.—Part heard.

Long Cause.

794-01—Tayabjee D and Co Wagnjee Baher and another vs Rai Luxmibai widow and anothers Muljee B B P G and Co.

Testamentary Suits.

4-01—Ardeshir H D and Co—Hajee Abdool R H Ahmed vs Moosa Hajiji Joosab Noorani and others—Tyabjee D and Co.
5-03—Tayabjee D and Co—Moosa H Joosab Noorani and others vs Haji Abdool R H Ahmed—Ardeshir H D and Co.

Long Causes.

411-02—Craigie L and O—The Bombay Ice Manufacturing Co vs S B Fraser and Co—Payne G S and M.
670-01—Smetham B and N—Dewraj Tokersey and others vs Mungiram Dhunjee—Payne G S and M.
578-00—Wadia and G—Veljee Anundjee vs Sakarbai widow and others—Nanu and H Payne and Co and Wadia and G.
418-02—Kanga and P—Bai Motibai widow vs Gopinath Jivan Kimji—Smetham B and N.
100-03—Captain and V—Kessowlal Kandas vs Rehimtoola Yarbhoy—Unwalla and P.
547-01—In person—Hari R Bhatwadekar and others vs Narayen R Pendse—Bhaishanker K and G.
405-02—In person (a pauper)—Gowlan Lukshmibai widow vs Raghunathdas Bisheshwar Panday and others—Edgelow G and W.

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THE POLICE COMMISSION.

INQUIRY AT DELHI.

THE Police Commission opened at Delhi on Monday. Mr. S. Clifford, Divisional Judge, attributed the unpopularity of the police to several causes, amongst them being the unnecessary summoning of leading villagers to attend inquiries, too readily searching houses on mere suspicion and the lack of powers of investigation amongst the investigation staff.

Mr. H. H. G. Rotton, Assistant Inspector General, thought the inferior grades were neither as efficient nor as honest as they should be; but did not consider them more dishonest than their equals in other departments. The fact than they had no inducement to honesty and the temptations they were exposed to, and the powers they were invested with, were great incentives to dishonesty. The superior grades were disheartened as they were given no social status and as their prospects were poor, and the subordinates, seeing this, naturaly lost ambition, knowing that the recommendations of their own officers received little, if any, consideration. Improvement in status, pay and prospects were Mr. Rotton's proposals.

Mr. H. J. Maynard was of opinion that the superior police were out of touch with the people and listened too exclusively to their own subordinates, thus diminishing their value as a supervising agency. Their attention was absorbed in semi-military duties and they did little to control investigation and prosecution. Inspecting officers were often paralysed by a nervous apprehension of getting into trouble, and investigating officers, whilst sometimes good detectives, had wild ideas of what a court would accept or reject in the way of evidence. Sergeants and constables were good at anything requiring pluck and loyalty; but it was unreasonable to expect from them a high standard of intelligence or honesty.

Major J. C. Beadon, Sessions Judge, urged the provision of a well-trained staff of detectives which could be relied upon to work intelligently, honestly and justly.

Major C. G. Parsons put in a note in which he said that better results might be expected if Native officers were appointed and made responsible for the criminal bureau of a district. He favoured a provincial police service if it could be made to furnish a body of Inspectors of different grades to act under District Superintendents as did Revenue Assistants under Deputy Commissioners.

The Police Commission sat again in Delhi on Tuesday. Major M. Douglas, Deputy Commissioner, declared that, considering the pay, status and difficulties of the profession and the condition of the people they had to deal with, the Punjab Police rendered a very good account of themselves. There was, however, he admitted, room for improvement. Gazetted officers did not properly control their subordinates, nor sufficiently supervise investigation, and they were not fully in touch with the best men of the country-side. Major Douglas thought the courts and judicial system generally were indirectly responsible for many of the illicit practices credited to the police, the courts mistrusting the police and being prone to act as counsel for the defence.

Mr. J. P. Warburton was of opinion that as a body affording redress to the public by successful detection and prosecution of criminals, the police were a failure. The superior officers were not in touch with the public though they were successful as disciplinarians. Inspectors down to sergeants were ordinarily looked down upon by the people owing to their want of integrity and straight forwardness undeveloped detective ability and harsh and unsympathetic treatment of the public. The general character of Mr. Warburton's proposals for reform, was recruitment from the superior classes, higher pay, better education and special training.

GENERAL KITCHENER ON WAR TRAINING.

A DEFINITION OF SMARTNESS.

MAJOR-GENERAL KITCHENER, who has recently assumed command of the Lahore District, issues a special district order, cancelling the district standing orders which, he says, invade the initiative all Commanding Officers should exercise. War training will take precedence of all other matters and will be judged by results. It means a workmanlike handling of the rifle at musketry, tactical training of a simple, common-sense, practical nature, showing that war conditions are appreciated, reconnaissance practice for officers and scouts, above all the physical efficiency of all ranks as proved by rapid disciplined movements over the country in formation and on a wide front. The General Officer Commanding would especially draw attention to the necessity for constant practice in small night operations. Efficiency and smartness must not be held to mean that clothes should be tight and boots blacked. The smartest soldier is the man whose dress fits him for his work as a soldier. The General Officer Commanding wishes the Officers Commanding Stations to carefully look into the procedure obtaining with regard to walking out regulations, the use of bicycles, etc. He wishes no irritating, conventional rules in this matter. Pith hats are just as soldierly as helmets, much more so when the latter interfere with the use of the rifle. Regimental restriction very often militates against individuality of character, but it is essential that soldiers should be encouraged to feel a sense of individual responsibility. The General Officer Commanding wishes more freedom in dress for walking out, bicycling, etc., and he hopes Commanding Officers will use their own initiative in furthering this principle.

A REFERENCE BOOK FOR THE COTTON TRADE.

THE publishers of the "Indian Textile Journal" have issued their Diary and Reference Book for 1903 which will prove invaluable to mill agents, managers, and others connected with the textile and engineering industries of this country. The book is of pocket size neatly got up and well arranged, the information contained therein being both technically and commercially useful. Among other information the book contains a list of cotton mills in India and Japan with particulars of machinery, share capital, names of agents or owners and their addresses together with the staff and hands employed; useful information for mill agents and managers, such as salaries and wages in Indian mills, machinery required for mills of different capacities, productions, horse power required and floor space occupied by different machines, useful recipes for finishing, cloth notes for engineers including the different types of engines; power transmitted by ropes and belts, notes on shafting and gearing, economy in coal consumption, hints to engine drivers, and rules relating to certificates and examinations of mechanical engineers, Indian and British patents, and other miscellaneous notes of every-day use to engineers. The price for non-subscribers is one rupee. It is printed at the Bombay Gazette Steam Printing Press.

TIGERS IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCES.

A CHANCE FOR SPORTSMEN.

CONSIDERABLE loss of life has occurred in consequence of the depredations of a man-eating tigress that frequents the neighbourhood of Salekasa between the railway stations of Salekasa and Darekasa in the Bhandara district. An enhanced reward of Rs. 500 has recently been sanctioned for the destruction of this animal. A similar price has been put on the head of the man-eating tigress that infests the neighbourhood of Sakke in the Mandla district. The offer of these rewards should afford an additional inducement for a visit to either of these districts by men who are contemplating a hot-weather shoot in the Central Provinces. It is understood that the district authorities are prepared to give assistance to any bona fide sportsmen who may desire to try their hands at ridding the country-side of these pests. Those who wish for further particulars can obtain them on reference to the Deputy Commissioners of the Bhandara and Mandla districts, respectively.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

BURMA RICE.

THE following is a summary of the Burma rice crop forecast for the month of February:—The area estimated to have been cultivated with rice in the 14 districts is now reported as 6,580,795 acres, an increase of only 22,605 acres over the area reported last year. In Hanthawaddy and Pegu both the area and the anna estimate have been reduced since last month, and there is a very marked decrease in area in Bassein. The anna estimate has been reduced in Henzada. Elsewhere the variations are less important. The increases in the fallow area is large in Bassein, Myaungmya, Pegu, Hanthawaddy and Amherst.

With the high prices now prevailing, although the estimated output show a slight decrease, there is no sufficient reason for altering the estimate of the amount available for export.

SALE OF GOODS OF THE BENGAL MILLS.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Tyebjee, presiding at the High Court, yesterday, heard the suit in which Hassumbhoy Visram and others claimed to recover Rs. 6,500-14-3, being the balance of an account alleged to be due by Koreji Jewraj and others, the defendants. Mr. Starling and Mr. Jardine, instructed by Messrs. Crawford Brown & Co., appeared for the plaintiffs, the defendants being represented by Mr. Robertson and Mr. Strangman, instructed by Messrs Mansukhlal, Jamsetjee, and Hiralal.

The plaintiffs alleged that, in April 1898, the defendants agreed to purchase goods manufactured by the Bengal Mills, and on the latter arriving from Calcutta they were to have been taken delivery of by the defendants in May, the latter agreeing in default of doing so to pay interest at 9 per cent, and the godown and insurance charges. The defendants in May and June took delivery of a portion of the goods, and paid Rs. 4,950 in respect of the same, but left a balance of 230 bales on the plaintiffs hands. The defendants subsequently paid Rs. 2,500 as margin money, but failing to take delivery of the remaining bales, the latter were sold by auction, and in respect of the difference due the present suit was filed to recover that amount.

The defendants, while disputing the correctness of the plaintiffs' accounts, stated they had paid Rs. 9,000 on account of goods, together with Rs. 2,000 as margin money, and Rs. 500 for interest. The defendants alleged that many of the bales were torn or damaged, and claimed that they were entitled to have the bales opened before taking delivery, which the plaintiffs refused to agree to. The defendants had repeatedly agreed to pay for all goods delivered in good condition, and claimed that they were, therefore, justified in cancelling the contract. They counter-claimed for Rs. 3,033-8-0, being the amount of over payments made under the contract, and for Rs. 875-11-3, the price of the damaged goods taken delivery of, and submitted that the suit should be dismissed with costs.

The hearing of the suit was proceeded with.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Bombay Government Gazette*, March 26.)

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Privilege leave on full pay for one month from the 8th June is granted to the Hon'ble Sir Lawrence H Jenkins K C I E, M A (Oxon) Barrister-at-Law Chief Justice of H M's High Court of Judicature at Bombay.

The Governor in Council is pleased under the provisions of Sec 7 of 24 and 25 Victoria Chapter 104 to appoint the Hon Mr Justice E T Candy C S I Barrister-at-Law I C S to act as Chief Justice of H M's High Court of Judicature at Bombay during the absence on leave of the Hon'ble Sir Lawrence H Jenkins K C I E, M A (Oxon) Barrister-at-Law or pending further orders.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Capt F DeB Hancock Asst Political Agent second grade is granted privilege leave for three months combined with furlough for seven months from the 1st April 1903.

With reference to Notification No 7747 dated the 22nd Oct 1902 it is hereby notified that Lieut-Col H M Abud Political Agent fourth grade has been allowed by H M's Secy of State for India two days' extraordinary leave without pay in extension of the special leave previously granted to him.

Capt C F Harold Assistant Political Agent second grade is granted fourlough for six months and twenty-eight days with effect from the 8th Dec 1902.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

In modification of Govt. Notification No 1241 dated the 4th March 1903 the Honourable Mr G C Withworth I C S first grade Judge is granted privilege leave for three months to be followed by furlough for four months and twenty-six days from the 28th March 1903 or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Capt H C Wooldridge 9th Bo Inf to be Cantonment Magistrate at Ahmedabad in addition to his Military duties vice Capt P C Searle

Capt Woldridge is also appointd under Sect 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to be a Magistrate of the first class in the Ahmedabad Dist and will exercise the powers with which he is hereby invested within the limits of the Cantonment of Ahmedabad.

H E in Council is also pleased to appoint Captain Wooldridge under Section 22 of the said Code to be a Justice of the Peace within and for the territories subject to the Govt of Bombay other than the Presidency Town of Bombay

H E in Council is further pleased to appoint Capt Wooldridge under Sect 6 of the Provincial Small Cause Courts Act 1887 to be the Judge of the Court of Small Causes established within the limits of the Cantonment of Ahmedabad and under Sect 8 of Act XIII of 1880 to declare that the value of the suits which are to be cognizable by him shall not exceed Rs 50.

Under Sec 37 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 the Govr in Council is pleased to empower Messrs P R Cadell I C S and J E B Hotson I C S Assit Collectors and Magistrates of the first Class in the district of Ahmedabad to try in a summary way all the offences mentioned or referred to in Section 260 of the same Code.

H E in Council is also pleased to invest Mr Cadell with the following additional power specified in the fourth schedule to the said Code:—Power to hear appeals from convictions by Magistrates of the Second and Third Classes Section 407.

Mr A Lucas I C S first grade Judge and Sessions Judge was allowed by the Secy of State for India an extension for seven days on medical certificate of the fourlough granted to him in Govt Notification No 1648 dated the 6th March 1902.

Mr J A Guider first grade Asst Supdt of Police has been permitted by the Secy of State for India to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr K C Rushton Asst Supdt of Police Khandesh is granted privilege leave for three months to be followed by special leave on urgent private affairs for three months with effect from the 2nd April 1903 or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Lieut-Col H M Abud First Assnt Political Resident Aden is appointed under Sect 10 the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 to be the Dist Magistrate of the dist of Aden.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments:—

Mr W W Smart I C S. to be Assit Collector of Sind.

Rao Bahadur Rango Ramchandra Bhardi to be Dist Depy Collector Thana.

Mr A D Wilkins Depy Consvr of Forest second grade is allowed such privilege leave as may be due to him on the date he avails himself of it in combination with special leaves for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to six months.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr G R Duxbury to act as Divisional Forest Officer Poona vice Mr A D Wilkins proceeding on leave pending further orders.

Mr R A Lamb C I E, I C S, on special duty is allowed such privilege leave as may be due to him on the date he avails himself of it in combination with special leave for such period as may bring the combined of absence up to six months.

Mr H Crawford has been allowed by H M Secy of State for India to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Mr A W W Mackie I C S passed an examination in Hindustani on 16th March 1903.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Rev J Handerson M A Presidency Senior Chaplai Church of Scotland is granted privilege leave for thre months in combination with furlough for one year and nine months with effect from the 25th March 1903 or from the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

The following appointment is made:—The Rev J Cameron to act as Presidency Senior Chaplain Church of Scotland during the absence of the Rev Mr Handerson.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Capt H M Moore I M S to act as Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacy Grant Medical College vice Capt T Jackson M B, B S, I M S pending further orders.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Major T E Dyson M B, C M, I M S to act as Profr of Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery Grant Medical College during the absence of Major H Herbert F R C S, I M S or pending further orders.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to re-appoint Mr G A Anderson and to appoint Mr T W Cuffe and Mr Bomanji Dinshaw Petit to be Members of the Board of Trustees under the City of Bombay Improvement Act 1898 with effect from the 1st April 1903.

Lieut Col W P Carson M B, I M S is granted privilege leave of absence for three months in combination with furlough for five months and thirteen days with effect from the 1st May 1903 or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr C Walker Insp of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers to act as Senior Insp of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers in addition to his own duties with effect from the 21st Jan 1903 pending further orders.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Capt F H G Hutchinson M B I M S to act as Civil Sergeon Belgaum in addition to his own duties during the absence of Lieut-Col W P Garson MB I M B I M S or pending further orders.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The services of Capt W V Scudamore R E Ex Engr 2nd grade are placed at the disposal of the Educational Dept for employment as Principal and Professor of Civil Engineering College of Science Poona vice Mr F L Sprott who reverts to the Public Works Dept.

On return from furlough Mr G McG Harrison Ex Engr 1st grade is posted to the Dharwar Dist vice Mr D George Assoc M Inst C E Ex Engr 1st grade, is appointed to act as Suptdg Engr Southern Division.

BOMBAY RACES.

FOURTEENTH EXTRA MEETING, SATURDAY, 28TH MARCH.

HANDICAPS.

Amateur Consolation Plate—5 furlongs—Regret 11 7; Titus II 11 3; Burgo Maste 10 7; Hamilton 10 2; Rocket 10 0 Sweet William 9 13; Prince Diamond 9 12; Selem 9 7 Bucephalus 9 6; and Bridoon 9 3.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C

Bombay, 28th March.

A LETTER addressed in a childish hand to "Our Lord in Heaven" has just been opened at the Returned Letter Office in Ort-Gothland, Sweden. It proved to contain a prayer emanating from an eight-year-old child, who had selected this means to secure a guitar from the Giver of all things. Her appeal has been answered, philanthropic persons having subscribed for the purchase of the instrument.

THE VINDICATION OF SPINSTERHOOD.

IN France the question of the surplus woman has led to the preaching of a new gospel. Hitherto France has not been very just or very courteous towards the spinster. "La vieille fille" has not had, on the whole, a good time. She has been the subject of much "chaff," her social position has even been affected, and the fact that she may have chosen single blessedness in preference to connubial bliss is counted unto her as a reproach. Instead of regarding the spinster, or "old maid," as a most valuable member of society, who makes a fine struggle to meet a difficulty and as often as not fights out battles not only for herself, but on behalf of her married sisters who cannot engage in them for themselves, she has been held up to ridicule and made an object of pity. We in England have for some time past recognised the social, and shall it not be said, economic value of the spinster. She has long since ceased to be disparaged, and, indeed, we see every year how our girls cling to freedom and voluntarily constitute themselves what but a generation ago would have been described as "hopeless old maids." M. Marcel Prevost, who has made the closest psychological studies of women, has now constituted himself the champion of his unmarried countrywomen. There is in France, as in England, a considerable shortage of men. To put it quite plainly, there are not nearly enough husbands, to go round and it is obvious, therefore, that there must always be a wide margin of spinsters, but it by no means follows that these are those whom Cupid has passed by. We often find spinsters who are both physically and mentally more attractive than married women, and certainly sweeter in disposition, and, as M. Prevost points out, it is mostly the bachelor women nowadays who seem to possess the finest and strongest characters, and who achieve the greatest amount of work. This he is most anxious that his countrymen should realise, and, as an outcome of the just recognition of the "vieille fille," it is hoped and believed that the modern Frenchwoman will ultimately be able to claim equal rights with the other sex. Neither M. Prevost nor any other champion of women would suggest, of course, that spinsterhood is to be advocated. Woman has her duty to fulfil with regard to the peopling of the world, and maternity is very beautiful, but it is most proper that it should also be clearly understood that the whirligig of time has brought about strange psychological changes in woman. Her mind has been developed, her opportunity has arrived, her soul has been freed, and the door of her cage opened. Some find the greatest happiness in stepping forth into the outer world to make their own way, some are not possessed of what is called the maternal instinct, some find its expression in showering their love and attention upon those whom they could not help were they not free. To laugh at spinsterhood nowaday is to display ignorance of woman, and assuredly the very last way in the world to persuade her into matrimony. It is tolerably clear that when a woman wants to marry she generally manages to achieve her object. When she prefers a "bachelor" life, it may be taken as equally certain that she is following Nature's dictates, and best securing her own happiness, and probably that of others.—"Lady's Pictorial."

BOOKMAKER'S ACTION AGAINST MR. R. S. SIEVIER.

HOW £4,000 WAS LOST.

A VERDICT FOR THE DEFENDANT.

MR. JUSTICE CHANNELL, sitting without a jury in the King's Bench Division, in other day, heard an action brought by Mr. George Besnard, a Paris bookmaker, against Mr. Robert Standish Sievier, of Toddington Park, Bedfordshire, the racehorse owner to recover £2,000 on a cheque drawn by the defendant in favour of the plaintiff, and dishonoured on presentation.

The defendant admitted drawing the cheque and set up the Gaming and Wagering Act. He said that in the spring of 1901 he was at Monte Carlo, and made some bets on a pigeon shooting match with the plaintiff and others, and lost in one hour £4,000. Circumstances came to his knowledge which induced him to have the matter investigated by the clubs to which he belonged and he came to the conclusion that he had been swindled. He therefore refused to pay. On June 11, 1902, he went to Paris as Sceptre was running in the Grand Prix on the following day. The plaintiff and a friend called and threatened to make a disturbance on the racecourse, and prevent Sceptre running, unless a settlement was made of the pigeon shooting debt. Thinking it would be very awkward to have a scene on the course, he gave the plaintiff a post dated cheque for £2,000 and immediately wrote to his bankers stopping it.

In cross-examination Mr. Sievier said he had never been sued for a debt of honour before. When the trap was pulled a very tame sort of pigeon hovered out, and the man on whom he had put his money fired about three yards under the bird which settled down a few yards off. The man, according to the rules, was entitled to fire again but did not do so until the crowd began to jeer. He then fired, presumably at the bird and it hovered quietly away. There were no signs of shot anywhere, and it was afterwards decided by some six or seven people that there had been no shot in the gun.

Mr Kisch contended that as the contract was made at Monte Carlo, and the cheque given in Paris, the Gaming Act did not apply.

His lordship held that unless shown to the contrary, he was bound to assume that the foreign law was the same as the law of England, and he would therefore give judgment for the defendant, with costs.

NEWSPAPERS AND LIBEL ACTIONS.

MAJOR RASCH has introduced in Parliament a bill to amend the law relating to actions against newspapers for libel. The preamble states that the "practice of instituting actions at law against the proprietors, editors, and publishers of newspapers under frivolous pretexts, with the object of levying blackmail, has become so common as to be an abuse of legal procedure and a grave injury to an honourable body of men." It is therefore proposed to enact that no action at law for the recovery of damages against the proprietor, editor, or publisher of a newspaper in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for any alleged libel contained in a newspaper shall be commenced by any person without his first having convinced His Majesty's Attorney or Solicitor General for England or Ireland, or in Scotland the Lord Advocate or Solicitor General, that he has reasonable ground for bringing such action, or without permission of such law officer to commence it."

AT the meeting of the United Provinces Legislative Council on Tuesday the Hon'ble Mr. Hooper presented the Reports of the Select Committees on the two Bundelkhand Bills, the Encumbered Estates Bill and the Alienation of Land Bill. Though none of the recommended changes in either Bill can be termed fundamental, there were several important alterations in detail. The amendments in the first Bill are all with the object of making the operation of the proposed Act less stringent and providing further means by which a settlement may be arrived at without actual sale of the property. Thus, when a loan is granted, the period for repayment will be fifteen years instead of ten years, as originally fixed, and it is calculated that even in the case of a maximum loan, a reasonable balance of profits will be left to the proprietor. The changes in the Alienation of Land Bill are of a technical and intricate nature, and a perusal of Mr. Hooper's speech on the subject conveys an impression of the extreme difficulty and delicacy of the operations to be undertaken under the proposed Act. The intended effect of the main alterations may, roughly, be said to be to improve the situation of the mortgagee whose mortgage has been made before the commencement of the Act. In such cases the matter is transferred to the Collector who offers the mortgagee certain terms of settlement, while the Collector also is empowered to revise mortgages made after the commencement of the Act and in contravention of its terms.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT. Influenza, Coughs and Colds. In diseases of the throat and chest, so prevalent in our changeable climate, nothing so speedily relieves, or so certainly cures, as these inestimable remedies. These disorders are too often neglected at their commencement, or are injudiciously treated, resulting in either case in disastrous consequences to the patient. Holloway's remedies will restore, if recovery be possible; they allay the alarming symptoms and purify the blood; Nature consummates the cure, gradually restoring strength and vital power. By persevering in the use of Holloway's preparations tone is conferred on the stomach and frame generally. Thousands of persons have testified that by the use of these remedies alone they have been restored to health after every other means had failed.

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

AN Italian smoke-destroyer, which is being tested on a Strand restaurant, has evoked some quaintly-translated testimonials. The destroyer, or "Fumivorous," is the invention of an engineer, who secured an award at the Turin Exhibition. It was tested by a number of railways and manufacturing concerns in Italy, with the following results:—"I am pleased to declare," writes "Engineer Eugenio Pollini," from Forti, "that the Fumivorous of your invention, which is applied to the chimney of the laboratory of this enterprise, keeps alive the combustion of four Cornovaglia boilers, and washes the smoke which it aspries." A Turin chocolate manufacturer wrote to the inventor: "I declare that your Fumivorous which was supplied to my boiler at the Turin Exhibition, completely washed the smoke, and maintained the combustion alive."

"Why must a driver of an automobile look like a mountain goat in order to keep in the fashion?" asked a correspondent of the "Express." "Punch," indites a poem on it:—

Why must the stylish motorist
  Look like a mountain goat?
(Few animals could e'er exist
  In so hirsute a coat!)
Why must our scorching plutocrats
  Contrive to imitate
Skye terriers with their hair in mats
  Of most bedraggled state?
As to the ladies—p'r'aps 'twere well
  To spare profane remark.
And not to draw a parallel
  With inmates of the Ark!
I don't know what's the right reply—
  Is it perchance to scare
From off the road each passer-by,
  Such clothes our motists wear?

Lady Francis Cook, who created no small sensation in the Law Courts the other day, is an American, who married the late Sir Francis Cook in 1885 She and her sister—Mrs. Woodhall Biddulph—were born of poor parents in Homer, Ohio. Clever and pushing, they went to New York, took up stock-broking, journalism, and banking, and made no small success in each direction. Then they turned their attention to agitation, demanding equal rights for women, and startled and shocked polite society by their bold handling of unconventional subjects. Lady Cook before her marriage was Miss Tennessee Claflin. Under her husband's will she inherited a large fortune.

The existence of a motor hearse was mentioned the other day, and the "Onlooker" turns a neat epigram on it:—

The motor hearse they now produce,
Hurrah! at last they've found a use
For automobiles which proceed
At Britain's regulation speed.

In a small cafe close to the Grand Place, Brussels, the proprietor has had the following notice posted on the walls:—Customers who find the price of drinks somewhat high are requested to address any complaint they may have to make direct to the Minister of Finance. This is an allusion to the tax on alcohol imposed by that Minister. As an electioneering device it is almost worth copying.

Mr. Walter Winans is making the interesting experiment of trying to found an English trotting breed. He writes about it in this month's "Sandringham Magazine." From the famous American pacing mare Chiquita, Mr. Winans has now a colt whose sire is Common, the Derby winner. This colt he hopes will sire many English trotters. America's trotting record for a mile is 2mins 2 1-4 secs., and the pacing record 1min. 59 1-4 secs. The trotter moves diagonal legs in unison, and the pacer the legs of the same side together.

Khartoum is very shortly to possess its own paper. The native journal, "Al Mokattam," has, by agreement with the Government of the Soudan, established the first printing establishment at Khartoum, where all official documents will be printed. Most of the work will be in Arabic and French.

There is also to be, in connection with the undertaking, a new journal the first in the Soudan. At first it will be printed in Arabic, but later it is hoped to add an English section.

Ceylon, according to its recent census returns, has no fewer than 145 inhabitants over 100 years of age. Seventy one of these are males and seventy-four females. Of these forty-three men and fifty-two women claimed to be exactly 100; while the highest age returned was 120.

One hundred is a good round age and no doubt every indolent octogenarian who could not be bothered to remember the year of his birth put down 100 to save time.

The oldest steam engine in the would is said to be an old beam engine in one of the mills of Messrs. Charles Clifford and Sons, of Birmingham. The engine was started in 1767, and was put together by a man named James Pichard. The beam was made of oak and was 28ft. long, 3ft deep, and 2ft. wide. It was as hard as iron, and had been working continuously for 135 years in Birmingham.

The Italian Government has just erected a fortress on the great Chaberton summit, opposite Briancon, for the defence of the Simplon Tunnel. This fort is 10,600 feet high, and is believed to be the most elevated fortified point in the world.

The richest town in Prussia is no longer Frankfort-on-the-Main, but Charlottenburg, a Berlin suburb where the average yearly income for each inhabitant including, of course, women and children, the aged, the infirm, and paupers, amounts to no less than £206 5s. This averege is based on income-tax returns, but as most citizens are generally neglectful of mathematical precision in performing the duty of making such returns, the annual income of the Charlottenburger may be placed still higher.

The injunction granted by Mr. Justice Joyce restraining the committee of the Oxford and Cambridge University Club, Pall Mall from depriving Sir Richard Harington of the use of the club and from posting him as a defaulter has aroused the greatest interest in West End clubs. When Sir Richard Harington first joined the club the annual subscription was eight guineas. Last year the committee raised this subscription to nine guineas, and their action was confirmed by a majority of the members at a general meeting. Sir Richard Harington and others dissented. When the annual subscription fell due on January 1 last Sir Richard tendered eight guineas. It was refused and as the subscription was unpaid on February 1 he was deprived of the use of the club, and his name posted as a defaulter in accordance with its rules. Mr. Justice Joyce's injunction has the effect of allowing Sir Richard Harington the use of the club on payment of the old subscription, and the committee will now have to establish in a court of law that they acted legally in raising the subscription.

The greatest authority on club law in London has declared that the committee were undoubtedly in the right, ratified as their decision was by the members, provided, of course, the new rule was correctly drafted making it clear that members elected under the old subscriptions would in the future have to pay the higher amount.

Two illustrations may be given. The St. James' Club raised its subscription some years ago, and all its members had henceforth to pay a higher sum. The Bachelors' Club also raised its subscription, but only those members elected after it was raised had to pay the higher amount.

Perhaps the most interesting gift to the Pope on his pontifical jubilee was an ancient clock, in the form of a planisphere, dating from 1725. It was constructed at Plaisance by the mathematician Barnardo Facini, who presented it to the wife of Philip II. of Spain. The planisphere gives the hours and the minutes, according to the Italian and Spanish style, the length of days and nights according to the seasons, the daily position of the sun according to the signs of the zodiac, solar and lunar eclipses, the real seasons and the seasons according to astronomy. Notwithstanding the enormous progress made in mechanics since its construction, the movement of the wheels is absolutely unknown. When once it broke down, no one was found able to repair it.

IVY, who was placed third in the Derby of a year ago, was killed, on the 2nd inst., after an incident, which risked the lives of several human beings. Captain Trefusis, A. D. C. to Sir W. Gascoigne, General Commanding the Hongkong District, was riding along Praya East, when a coolie, propelling a ricksha, collided with the waler, one of the shafts penetrating the animal's chest. A European passenger in the ricksha was thrown on to the road, the ricksha knocked over a sampan girl, and the Captain was unseated. The waler was afterwards shot.

M. A. P. IN THE BOUDOIR.

"March is many weathers" was the dark saying of a south-country sailor-man (writes "A Society Butterfly"), and a mixed assortment of sunshine and shadow, wild winds and soaking showers, will most likely be our portion during the next few weeks. And this uncertain outlook greatly increases the difficulty of the dress problem. Gowns and hats may be arranged, but what can we do with our necks? They must be protected from cold, and also be given a good background—or, ought one say, suitable surroundings? A well-known man about town declared that women should be always "well-necked" And he was perfectly right. But this time of year, known as "between seasons," is by far the most difficult to provide for. Furs—except in a bitter east wind—look too winterly not to mention that our ermine, chinchilla, and petit gris are now well past their prime, and appear decidedly sorry for themselves.

Facts must be faced. The big becoming ruffles that have now been with us for many years are at last things of the past. Really, one can hardly imagine the Duchess of Marlborough without her high, up-standing ruffle. But the fiat has gone forth and we must be 1830—or die! Shoulders slope, sleeves are set low, and we shall soon imitate the shape of a champagne bottle. Hence the new shoulder wraps—for our poor necks are literally left out in the cold—appear in the guise of a rounded pelerine. A pretty one was in black figured net and lace, arranged cape-wise at the back, coming across the shoulders, and fastening in front, with long ends to the edge of the skirt. Another, in cream white, was made stole fashion, and hung loose, with long, flat ends. Three hundred yards of lace are said to have composed this Parisian "vetement."

Yet another—and this innocent trifle was priced at £12—appeared in white chiffon, edged and trimmed with narrowest black velvet ribbon. But these new stoles must be smartly worn, thrown back from the shoulders, and by no means fastened under the chin. Fate—or the fashion of 1830—has decreed that muffs are to be worn well into the spring; and accompanying the above-mentioned chiffon, stole was a huge muff to match, also in white chiffon, with touches of black velvet.

A close study of the smart shops helps one to forecast correctly the coming fashions. Black and white and all-black will hold their own, and grey and mauve will run them a good second. The "new" colour is a bright, rather crude cornflower, blue, effective, but scarcely becoming. A vivid red seems also in high favour, and emerald green has now reappeared in the most exclusive "maisons." These brilliant shades contrast perfectly with the dull black and dark grey costumes that seem to be the "grand chic" of March, 1903. A touch of colour to correspond should appear somewhere in the costume—in the en tout cas, the handbag, and even in the jewels. A careless observer might declare that modern modes demand a millionaire to exploit them; but brains represent money. and as regards summer stoles of lace and chiffon and muffs to match, such fantaisies as these might easily be made at home by a clever and industrious worker.

Lent has arrived, and the number of dances and weddings will be diminished. The King has held his first Levee of the season.

Lord and Lady Beauchamp have left London for the South of France. Lady Beauchamp was Lady Lettice Grosvenor, and is sister to Lady Shaftesbury and to the Duke of Westminster. Her marriage with Lord Beauchamp took place last July at a small country church in Cheshire. She is not, perhaps, so strictly beautiful as Lady Shaftesbury. but, all the same, possesses a very charming personality. Her nature is a sweet one, and takes much delight in ministering to others. In her girlish days at Saighton Grange, she helped her mother, Lady Grosvenor, in many social and household duties, and did much good work among tenants and villagers. Lady Beauchamp is fond of music, and her singing and organ playing are much above the average. Kindness to animals is a subject that commands her deepest interest, and she has become an active member of more than one society for their benefit and protection. She is an excellent "whip," but no horsewoman.

Cheshire is on the borders of Wales, and Lady Beauchamp's pretty name of Lettice is essentially Welsh. By the way, those who are connected with "gallant little Wales" seem fond of emphasising the fact in their names. Gladys, Gweneth, Gwenllian, Gwendolen Olwen, and Winifred are all Welsh names. Lady de Grey, sister to Lord Pembroke, is Gladys; Lady Burghclere, sister to Lord Carnavon, is Winifred, and an aunt of theirs in Lady Gwendolen Herbert; Lady Oranmore—whose mother was Miss Blanche Guest, sister to Lord Wimborne—is Olwen, and her youngest sister is Gweneth; Lord Dynevor's daughter is Miss Gwenllians Rice; and the only daughter of Mr, and Mrs. Hwfa Williams bears the name of Gwenfer.

Lord and Lady Portsmouth have arrived in London. Lady Porstmouth was Miss Beatrice Pease, and her marriage took place in 1885; and as she was a considerable heiress, and her husband—then Lord Lymington—an important eldest son, the event created cosiderable interest. Lady Portsmouth is a pretty bright-faced woman, with ready wit, and a fund of pleasant conversation. She is well read, has a cultured mind, and a very intelligent outlook on life. Gardening is one of her amusements, and she is a good musician. The Quaker families of England afford a suggestive study. They include such wealthy folk as the Peases, Hoares, Frys. Buxtons, and Gurneys, and have ever been noted for their high thinking, simple living, wit, wealth, and wisdom. Of these—and others who resemble them—is the much-talked-of "backbone of the country." Lord Portsmouth is a Liberal peer. much interested in regligious matters. His red hair and beard make him a marked figure in the House of Lords.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Ashley have left London. Mrs. Ashley was Miss Maud Caslel, daughter of Sir Ernest Cassel, the multi-millionaire, and a few years ago married the eldest son of Mr. Evelyn Ashley, a well-known and wealthy personage. She is a pretty woman, with a simple, unaffected manner; and there is a baby-girl, to whom King Edward was god father, and who in consequence acquired the somewhat composite name of Edwina. Mr. and Mrs. Ashley's wedding took place in January, 1901, and an uncomfortable incident occurred. The newly-married couple started in state in a carriage and four for a house that had been lent them in the neighborhood of London. A thick yellow fog descended, the coachman lost his way, the carriage was overturned, and bride and bridegroom—fortunately unhurt—had to finish their journey in a friendly baker's cart.

An engagement is announced between Lady Juliet Lowther and Mr. R.G. Duff of the Second Life Guards. Lady Juliet is daughter of the ever-beautiful Lady de Grey, by her first marriage with the late Lord Lonsdale, and is her only child. The bride-elect is extremely tall, and very graceful and handsome. Lady Juliet Lowther does not pretend to be a blue-stocking; but she has much intelligence, talks well, and is an excellent amateur photographer. Her future husband is a nephew to the very wealthy Mr. George Assheton-Smith, who shares with Lord Penrhyn the ownership of some of the richest slate quarries in the country. The family place, Vaynol Park, Carnarvonshire, is a splendid residence, and has several times been visited by Royalty. It will be remembered that the father of the bridegroom-elect was himself married not many months ago to Miss Sybil Verschoyle.

The Hon. Mrs. Ivor Guest has had a son. She was Miss Alice Sibell Grosvenor, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Ebury, and cousin to Lord Annaly, and became the wife of Mr. Ivor Guest, eldest son to Lord Wimborne, in February of last year. She is a very pretty woman, and has much of the Celtic charm and beautiful Irish colouring for which her mother, Lady Ebury, as Miss Emilie White, was so much admired when she made her debut in the far-away sixties. Mrs. Iver Guest possesses some jewels that are quite unique. Among these is a parure of diamonds, said to be so old that the stones have not been reset since 1760. Those who were present at her wedding will remember that her bridesmaids were the "Alexandra curl," which made an unsuccessful reappearance at the Coronation ceremony later in the season.

The Hon. Mrs. Robert Francis Boyle has had a daughter. She was Miss Cerise de Crespigny, daughter of Sir Claude Champion de Crespigny, and in 1899 married Commander the Hon. Robert Francis Boyle, a brother of Lord Shannon. Mrs. Boyle is a pretty, accomplished woman, and a great favourite with her many friends. It is curious to note that Sir Claude and Lady Champion de Crespigny have secured a charming cypher and monogram for all their children. Their five sons bear the first name of Claude, and among their daughters are Cisely, Cerise and Crystel—therefore even now "C. de C." represents most of their family. Commander Robert Boyle is a man of forty, and has seen much service at sea. He was in the Egyptian War of 1882, where he got many wounds and a bronze medal. The Shannon family place is Castle Martyr, in the Cove of Cork.

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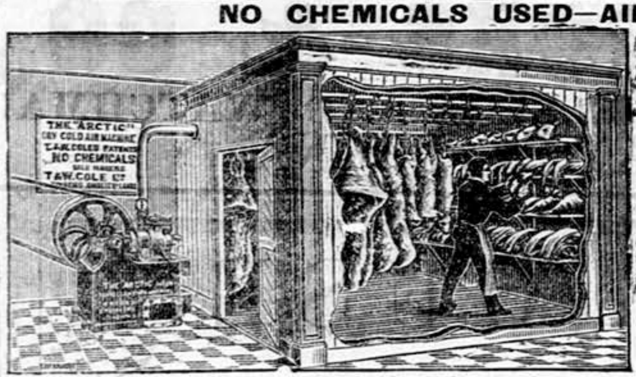

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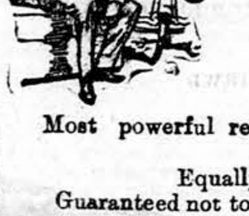

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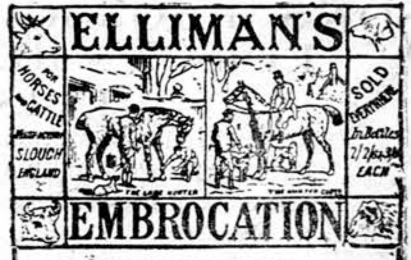

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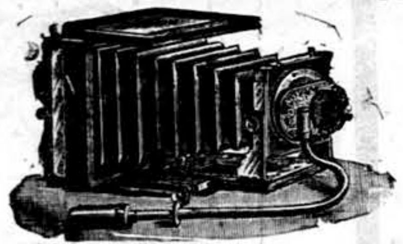

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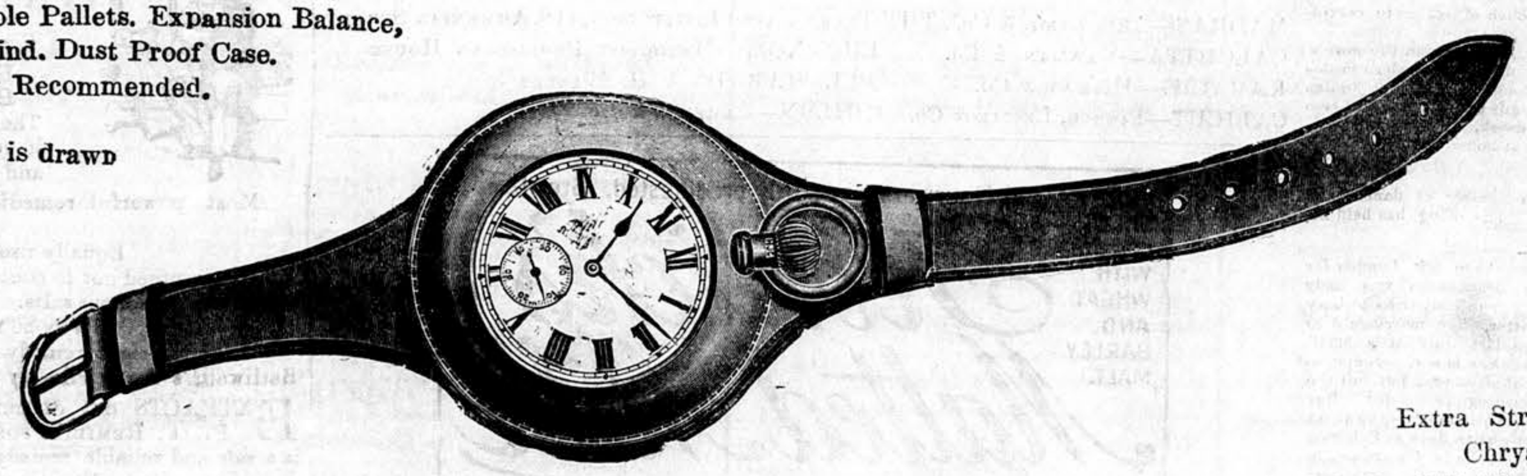

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